Toby No Longer Follows 'Boomer'

From The Star's Chatham Bureau

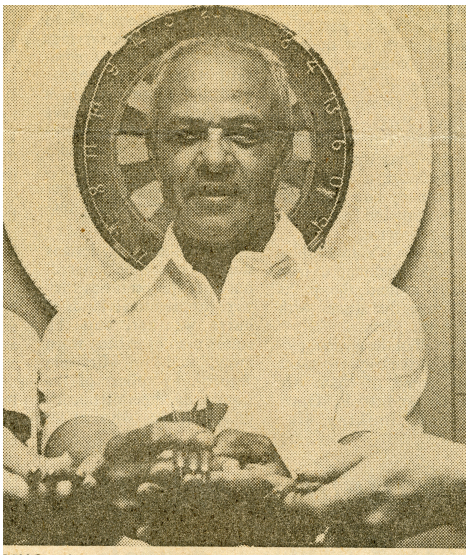
CHATHAM—A man and a dog generally regarded as inseparable as ham and eggs no longer are a pair, and it took two vehicles to separate them.

DEVOTED TO MAIL

For years, Toby, a faithful English sheep dog, followed posties on the Water street-Murray-Adelaide-Lansdowne avenue walk. First love of the dog, owned by Robert George, Eighth street, was the late Jack Foy, postman friend of his master.

Then came Wilfred "Boomer" Harding, one of Kent's best known baseball players.

Directly Boomer came around the Eighth street corner walking on his beat, the big shaggy headed sheep dog would stalk majestically from his home and, following less than two feet behind, would complete the morning's route with the postman.



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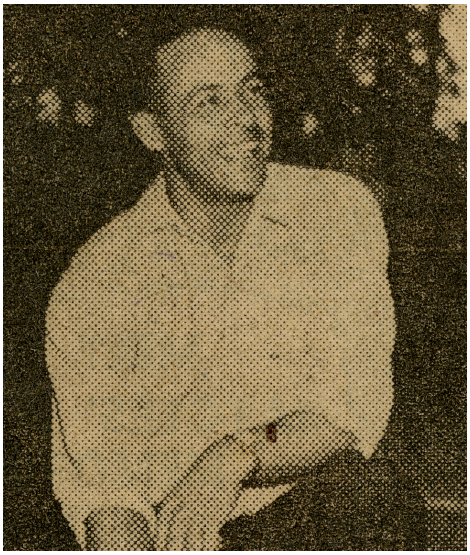

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LEGION SOCCER

C.D.N. August 13, 1936

International Takes Lead In Cup Playoff

Defeats Short-Handed Athletic Club When Series Commences.

The two high-ranking favorites in the Chatham and District Intermediate Football Association are practically breaking even in honors so far International Harvester holds top place in the league battle for the Tip Top Tailors Trophy but Chatham Athletic Club has ousted its rival from one other cup event and International has gained an edge over the Athletic Club in the VonGunten Trophy series.

The Athletic Club won a place in the fnal of the A. D. Chaplin Trophy competition by defeating International, 1 to 0, some time ago. Last night the latter eleven outscored the Athletic Club 2 to 0, on Tecumseh Park in the opening clash of the Von[illegible]en playoffs, to which the teams are the only entries. It is to be decided on a best-in-three basis.

ONLY NINE MEN

International fully deserved its victory last night, though Chatham A.C. was short-handed and played all the way with only nine men. For practically two full periods International's advantage was only slight and neither team could score but as the game was nearing its close the eventual winners drove in two well-designed goals and missed on several other chances. Chatham A. C. had tired badly under its handicap.

A majority of the crowd was with the losing team and frequently Teddy Cruse's youngsters broke in on Custance, Harvester goalie. Always, however he stood in their way or they fired wide of the goal.

Bill Orr headed in International's first counter from a scramble, after Bill Stevens had laid the ball at the goal-mouth with a well-placed drive. Ross Tulloch completed the total as darkness gathered over the field, by drilling in a rebound from another melee in front of the goal.

The teams:

Chatham Athletic Club: Goal, Garden, fullbacks, Draper and Baker: halfbacks, Harrogate and Iveson forwards, Martin, Griffith, Harding and Lister

International Harvester Goal, Custance: fullbacks, Stevens and Letts halfbacks, Lewis, Corbett, Violet: forwards, L. Anakin, Peck, W Orr, Tulloch, Moore.

Referee A. W Sanderson.

Legion Soccerists Blank Bay, 6-0

Branch 28 Canadian Legion Soccer team defeated the Mitchell's Bay Rams in a regular Kent County league fixture on Tecumseh Park last night by a score of 6-0. The more experienced Legion team jumped into an early lead on Harper's goal, and though pressed by the young Rams in the early stages of the second half, never relinquished the driver's seat.

Play was fairly evenly divided between the two teams except in the vital scoring "punch", and Rubanski and Baker Legion fullbacks turned in sparkling performances to thwart many Bay rushes. Their stellar work throughout the game aided Tom Howard, the goaler.

Wishart, inside right for the Legionaires, while he did not figure in the scoring was one of the snappiest players on the field, breaking up the Ram's offensives, and setting up potential goals for his own team.

The outstanding players on the Bay team was Peterkin, left full back, who was a tower of strength, stopping many a Legion rush.

The Ram's, while they fought hard, did not seem to have the combination necessary to score, but played a hard driving game and were only kept off the scoresheet by the work of the Legion defence.

The Legion scoring was evenly divided between the first and second halves. Harper opened on a solo effort, followed by a goal by Kitt on a head ball, the last goal of the first half was scored by Harding on a pretty combination play with Harper and Browning.

SECOND HALF

In the second half fourth and fifth goals were scored by Kitt, and Harding, on beautiful corner kicks by Skolnik while the sixth goal was another solo effort by Harper. All six of the Legion goals were scored by Harper, Kitt, and Harding, two each.

Mitchells Bay Rams — Goal, Parrish, Backs, J. Peterkin, DeValder, Halves, B. McDonald, Degrun, J. Moore, Forwards, Broadbent, Templeton, Loyate, P. McDonald, W. Moore and Barnier.

Branch 28 Legion—Goal Howard Backs, Rubanski and Baker, Halves, H. B. Lewis, Browning and Burke, Forwards, Skolnik, Wishart, Harper, Kitt, Park and Harding.

4 June

LEGION WHIPS BAY RAMS, 3-1, IN SOCCER TILT

Branch 28 Legion defeated a much improved Michell Bay Rams soccer team in a scheduled Chatham and District game played at the Bay by a score of 3-1 The game marked the first occasion that the Rams have scored in competition this year

Legion played under the handicap of only ten men, due to injuries received by some of their players in the Ontario Legion Playoff last Saturday.

Most effective players on the improved Rams were their backs, Peterkin and Parrish, who turned back the Legion numerous times. Barnier, centre half, and Templeton, right half fed the ball to the forwards.

For the Legion, Rubanski full back, and half line of Lewis, Harding and Burke were most effective, while the forwrads, playing as they were with only four men turned in their usual steady game.

SCORE FIRST HALF

All the scoring in the game took place in the first half, with the Legion opening the score sheet with a pretty passing play between Harper and Harding, with Harding finally putting the ball in the net. Rams quickly evened the score, as W. Moore dribbled the ball right into the goal past Howard.

Roy Kitt, playing the left side of the Legion line rapped in the second Legion goal on an oblijue shot from the side of the goal which sneaked in around the post

Skolnik of the Legion finished the scoring as he dropped a lob shot into the Rams goal. The Rams goaler misjudged the shot, and relaxed to allow it to go over the bar. It dropped into the corner to give the Legion their final goal.

Branch 28 — goal Howard — backs - Rubanki and Baker; halves — Jewis Harding and Burke; forwards - Skolnik, Parker Harper, and Kitt.

Rams — goal - Markus; backs - Parrish and Peterkin; Halves - Templeton, Barnier and M. Rankin; forwards B. MacDonald P. MacDonald, Debrune, Morre and B. Rankin. subs — Loys, and Dewolder.

Referee — E. C. Woods.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

	W	L	T
Community Cleaners	3	1	1—7
Branch 28 Legion	3	1	1—7
Bay Seniors	2	0	2—4
Steel	1	3	0—2
Bay Rams	0	4	0—0

CLEANERS EDGE LEGION 4-3 ON TECUMSEH SOCCER FIELD

June 16, 1947

Community Cleaners Soccer Club defeated the Branch 28 Club 4-3 Saturday night on Tecumpseh Park in the most hotly contested game which has been seen in Chatham since soccer was- revived in this city four seasons ago. The climax of the struggle was a goal by the Legionnaires which if allowed would have given them a tie, and one point in the league standings. The referee disallowed the goal when one of the Legion men in an attempt to play the ball inadvertently stepped between it and the goal line.

After the play, men of both teams clustered around the official and protested or upheld his decision.

The first score of the game came at the five minute mark as Harper of the Legion fooled Bill Campbell who was playing his first game of the season in the Cleaners goal to put the Legions one up. After this score, the teams seemed to slow down. Walt Taylor, tricky little inside of the Clearners teed the count late in the period as he scored on a beautiful shot from the left of the field right at the sidewalk to beat Jack Howard all the way.

Play started off in the second half hot and heavy as both teams strove to break the tie, and finally Harper came through again as he rushed Campbell who was having trouble handling a long shot in the goal mouth, and Bill succceded in slapping the ball past him.

FIGHTING CLEANERS

The Cleaners fought back desperately, but the Legion had a one goal lead, and they were determined to hold it. Playing lovely defensive ball, their forwards, led by Wishart ragged the ball around centre field, all the time pressing toward the Clearners goal. Then fate in the person of Tommy Cowan, the all-star centre forward of the Cleaners team took a hand as he went on three goal splurge.

He scored his first from a scramble in front of the Legion goal when the ball got away from Howard, and his second minutes later as he bounced a shot off the toe of Rudy Rubanski, the hard working Legion fullback who sprawled on the ground trying to stop the score.

His third and last score of the night was a beautifull head ball which had Howard beaten all the way from Cowan to the nets.

Scoring during the game ended as Kitt of the Legion headed a smooth pass from Wishart into the Cleaners net with about ten minutes to go. It was moments after this goal that the Legion last try was disallowed, and the ensuing argument broke out. Referee Letts was on top of the play to make the decision.

The goal tenders of the respective teams, Campbell for the Cleaners, and Howard for the Legion stood out throught the contest. Campbell played his first game of the year, and acquitted himself highly. Howard had more shots to handle than in any previous game, and excepting the four that got away from his, he showed that he has lost none of his last year's form.

The fullbacks of both teams showed up well as Rubanski and Baker for the Legion, and Jim White, and the ever youthfull Denny Rapley for the Cleaners turned in sparkling defensive performances.

Among the halves the game turned into a running and kicking between Louis Cowan and "Boomer" Harding, with the longlegged Cowan shading his better supported rival slightly.

On the basis of team play Wishart of the Legion was by far the best man on the field, but Tommy Cowan's hat trick automatically elected him to the position of "johnny on the spot", and a handy man to have on any team. Skolnik the stubby winger of the Legion team was going at top speed throughout the game, and laid a lot of chances in front of his insides, while George Hollowell of the Cleaners played his best game of the current season, playing one half on the outside of each wing and earning the praise of his team mated for his smart teamwork. Last but not least on the list of stars was Bill Harper who alternated with Wishart at centre and inside scoring two goals, and fighting for a victory at all times during the contest.

Community Cleaners — Goal, Campbell; backs, Rapley and White; halves, Buckland, Cowan and Ellis; forwards, Hollowell, Taylor, T. Cowan; Chandler, Grierson, Hearns, and Maynard.

Branch 28 Legion—Goal, Howard; back, Rubinski and Baker; halves, Jewis, Harding and Burke; forwards, Skolnik, Wishart, Harper, Kitt, and Parker.

Referee—Letts.

Chatham Wins Soccer Match

3 SEPT 47

Chatham's Canadian Legion soccer eleven captured the Legion Cup by defeating the London Roosevelt Branch by a 5-2 score in a soccer match at Labatt Park on Saturday afternoon. The tilt was the second of a two-game series, total points to count. As Chatham took the first game in Chatham 4-0, they took the set by 9-2. This was the first year that there was competition for the cup given by the Provincial Command.

Prior to the game both teams were marched onto the field by the 15th Canadian Field Ambulance Pipe Band. At mid-field, Mayor George Wenige was introduced to the teams, and he extended the best wishes of the City of London to them. Ted Foster, London district commander of the Canadian Legion, made the opening kick-off.

It was the educated feet of Bill Harper, flashy centre forward, that sparked the Chatham eleven to their win. Harper accounted for four of the winners' five goals. Big Boomer Harding kicked in the other Chatham point. Bill Kirkwood and Jack Gregson were the boys who did the scoring for London.

Harper Scores

Harper tallied his first point at the 25-minute mark of the first half, when from about 10 feet out he booted a hook shot into the London goal. London, who had been outplayed up to that time came to life, and carried the game to the Chatham end. The drive finally ended in a score when Bill Kirkwood kicked one off the Chatham goal post with the oval being deflected past net-minder Jack Howard. Play for the rest of the half was fairly even with London refusing to take advantage of the breaks that they were given. With a few minutes left in the first session, Harper roared in to kick Kitt's rebound into the London net. The half ended with Chatham on the long end of a 2-1 score.

CHATHAM — Goal, Howard; right back, Rybarnski; left back, Baker; centre half, Browning; left half, Burke; right half, Jewiss; inside left, Kitt; inside right, Taylor; outside left, Harding; centre forward, Harper; outside right, Skolnik.

LONDON ROOSEVELT — Goal, Van Doff; right back, Cowling; left back, White; right half, Delves; centre half, Pollock; left half, Payne; inside left, Farquharson; inside right, Bainbridge; outside left, Peers; centre forward, Kirkwood; outside right, Blades; subs, Parton, Stokeley; Gregson.

Monday, Oct. 6, 1947

Legion Soccerists Win Chaplin Trophy

Chatham Community Cleaners faded in the last fifteen minutes of the Chaplin Cup playdowns at Tecumseh Park to allow Branch 28 Legion to score one goal for victory in what started out to be a sudden death game but wound up going three games.

Walt Taylor was the hero of the Legion team as he blasted a shot past Marshall in the Cleaners nets to end the series which has been hanging fire for almost a month now.

Legion had much the better of the play during most of the game as the Cleaners lacked several key playsr, and it was mainly the sterling work of Ron Marshall in the nets, and Louis Cowan on the half line who held them to their lone counter.

For the Legion, Rubanski on full back and Wishart on half back played what observers called their best games of the current seas,on both offensively and defensively.

Branch 28 Legion—Goal, Howard; backs, Rubanski and Baker; halves—Jewiss, Wishart, and Burke; forwards—Harding, Kitt, Harper, Taylor, Skolnick and Browning.

Community Cleaners — Goal, Marshall; backs, Rapley and White; halves, Grierson, L. Cowan, J. Cowan; forwards—Hollowell, Maynard, T. Cowan, Tulloch and Milt Moore.

Legion Blanks Bay Eleven, 3-0

Branch 28 Legion soccerists blanked Mitchell's Bay 3-0 in their opening game of the Sportsmen's Trophy series on the Tecumseh Park soccer field aSturday afternoon.

A solo effort by Boomer Harding gave the Legion first goal in the opening minutes of the game and was the only scoring in the first half.

Bay eleven fought back in the second half but the Legionnaires showed better combination and Bill Harper came through with the second goal of the game midway through the session on a smart pass from Wishart. A perfectly-placed corner kick by Kitt was the final scoring effort by the Vets, in sinking the Bay eleven.

Levis and Burke opposing goalers turned in strong efforts throughout.

Legion—Goal, J. Burke; backs, Rybanski and Baker; halves, Jewiss, Wishart and Browning; forwards, Skolnik, Taylor, Harper, Kitt and Harding, Alternate, Howard.

Bay—Goal, Lewis; backs, Ellis and Peck; halves, Peirson, G. Delanghe and R. Burke; forwards, F. Markham, M. Delanghe, C. Burke and J. Markham.

Referee, Ernie Violot.

Harper's Goal Sends Chatham Into Soccer Finals

1947

GUELPH, Oct. 20.—Chatham Branch 28 soccer team qualified for the Canadian Legion provincial championship finals by defeating Guelph 1-0 Saturday. They will meet the Eastern Ontario winners for the Ontario title.

Bill Harper, who played a stand-out game at centre forward for Chatham, scored the only goal of the semi-final in the second half. Guelph showed more experience than the visitors and had an edge on the play in both periods. Poor marksmanship robbed them of numerous scoring chances. The game was played before the largest crowd to witness a soccer match here in 10 years.

Chatham—Howard, Baker, Ryvanski, Jewiss, Wishart, Burke, Skolnik, Taylor, Harper, Kitt, Harding; alternates, Browning Gibson.

Guelph—H. Dempsey, D. Dempsey, Crosbie, Cridge, Murphy, Millie, Sweeney, Harris, Brydges, Kerr, Collis; alternates, Blackburn, Sands.

Referee—Billy Kerr, Guelph.

LEGION SOCCER PLAYOFF ENDS IN 3-3 DRAW

1947

Chatham Branch 28 Legion soccerists and Guelph Branch 234 fought to a 3-3 deadlock in the first game of the Canadian Provincial semi-finals on the Tecumseh Park soccer field yesterday afternoon.

The visitors came through with their three markers in the first fifteen minutes of play. The only a mighty comeback by the Maple City eleven scored one near the end of the first half and notched the tieing markers close to the end of the game.

Game was a keen contested affair with play of the Chatham team in holding the visitors off the scoresheet in the final session.

Second game in this series will be played next Saturday afternoon at Guelph, game scheduled for 3:15.

LEGION WINS SOCCER CROWN

1947

BRANTFORD, Oct. 27 — Before a large crowd of cheering fans Chatham Branch 28 Legion soccer eleven defeated Peterborough Legionnaires 4-1 in a sudden-death provincial championship tilt here Saturday afternoon.

The Maple City club won the toss and kicked off and as both teams opened cautiously, Jack Howard and Jones opposing goalkeepers had close in shots to save. Lack of passing by both outfits kept the ball at midfield often during the first half.

Little Chuck Gibson came through with a fast drive from close in near the end of the canto to give Jones no chance to save and as the teams left the field at half-time, Chatham led 1-0.

At the start of the second half, Peterborough showed fast offensive plays and Jack Howard rose to the heights to keep them off the scoresheet. Tom Wishart broke away for Chatham and passed to Bill Harper who made no mistake blasting the ball into the strings for the second goal of the game. Wishart was back a few moments later to whip a terrific free shot in to the Peterborough twine to give the Chatham crew a 3-0 lead.

Peterborough appeared tired and the Maple City Vets kept them on the run as they held an advantage on the play with Jones making sensational stops in the Petes' goal. Bill Harper completed the scoring for the winners taking a pass and cutting in close before making his play.

With less than two minutes remaining, Cotton beat Jack Howard for the only marker for the losing squad.

But teams put on a crowd-pleasing display and gave a clean exhibition of soccer with the Chatham outfit showing a clear advantage on the game throughout.

Chatham — Goal, Howard, backs, Rubanski and Baker; halves, Burke, Wishart and Browning; forwards, Skolnik, Taylor, Harper, Kitt, Harding and Gibson.

Peterborough — Goal, Jones; backs, Foster and Woodcock; halves, Stewart, Richardson and Downer; forwards, Reid, Steel, C. Downer E. Cotton and H. Foster; alts. Bromley, Gahagan and Flynn.

Referee. Bob Leitch.

Oct 29, 1947

Sports Review

By MATT DENNIS

Although overshadowed by the victory march of the Chatham Shermans baseball nine, the Branch 28 Legion soccer team who won Provincial Legion honors, gave a creditable performance along the way for their win. The game of soccer was given a new lift around Maple City and district this year and the crowds increased for the games on the Tecumseh Park soccer field. In most cases, it is no easy effort to revive a sport that had fallen, but a couple of years ago Bill Shulver, Frank Scott, Bill Tope, George Orr, Ross Tullock, Carson Burke, Ernie Violot and other "dyed-in-the-wool" enthusiasts went all out for a new era in soccer. Starting from scratch, they soon found high interest aroused in Mitcell's Bay and many of the men who had played the game in their youth came back for a final fling. They came back and giving instruction to younger players a strong loop was estabilised under the Chatham and District Football Association banner. Ontario Steel, Community Cleaners, Mitchell's Bay Rams and Seniors and Branch 28 Legion showed the true spirit of the game and all fielded strong teams within the past two seasons.

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LEGION ACTIVITY

This season the Branch 28 Legion crew decided it would try its hand in the Provincial Legion soccer activities. Too many teams were not entered in the League and the heads sent the Chatham eleven against Guelph in the first series. In the two game series at home and away, the Maple City crew showed their battle style and eliminated the Royal City representatives. Entering now the final, it was Peterborough for the trophy. A sudden-death game was decided on and a spot close to half-way was decided as scene for the tilt. So on to Brantford the Chatham Legionnaires travelled and on the soccer field in Agricultural Park showed their superiority over the Peterborough crew to the tune of 4-1 and came back home Sunday night with the Provincial Legion crown. To a team that came back and revived interest in the sport here, we say to captain Joe Baker, and his coaches, trainer and players; Johnny Burke, Bill Harper, Johnny Skolnik, Chuck Gibson, Vic Jewiss, Roy Kitt, "Boomer" Harding, Pete Browning, Rudy Rybansky, Jack Howard, Albert Adcock and George Orr, "Congratulations on your championship and may we see many more soccer honors come to Chatham in the future."

Chatham Wins

1947

BRANTFORD—Chatham soccer team playing in the Ontario Legion Command finals here Saturday defeated Peterborough 4-1. Chatham led 1-0 at the half the locals dominating the play and scored two counters early in the last half.

Chatham led 4-0 before the Petes came on to score their lone tally.

(By Chatham Daily News Staff Photographer).

Branch 28 Legion soccer team brought new honors to Chatham Saturday afternoon when they travelled to Brantford and defeated Branch 57 Peterborough 4-1 from the Provincial Legion title. To reach the finals the Maple City Legionnaires defeated the Guelph semi-finalists in two games for the right to advance into the final round. Shown above are the members of the team at the reception held for them at Legon headquarters last night. Front row, left to right are Johnny Burke, Bill Harper, John Skolnik, Charles Gibson and H. T "Red" Harwood, Branch 28 Legion sports committee chairman; Centre row left to right: A. F. Davidson, president Branch 28 Canadian Legion, Vic Jewiss, Joe Baker (captain), Roy Kilt, Wilfred Harding and George Orr, (Coach). Back row, left to right; Joe Day, Legion District "A" Deputy Commander, Albert Adcock (trainer), Pete Browning, Rudy Rybansky, Jack Howard, Bill King Legion District "A" Sports Director.

Winning Sports Teams Feted at Chatham's Tecumseh Park

All faithful sports fans around Chatham last night turned out to give Chatham Shermans, winners of the Intermediate "A" O.B.A. title, and Branch 28, Canadian Legion, soccer team, winners of the provincial soccer trophy, the biggest ovation any teams ever received in this sports conscious city. Here is the team that went through the Legion season unbeaten. Left to right (front row): Legion President A. F Davidson, George Orr John Burke, Victor Jewiss, A. "Boomer" Harding, John Skolnick, Charles Gibson and William Harper. Left to right (rear row): Peter Browning, Joe Baker, Rudy Rybansky, Roy Kett, Jack Howard, Albert Adcock (trainer) and "Red" Harwood, sports chairman for Branch 28. *(Star Staff Photo)*

Sports Review

By MATT DENNIS

It's Ontario Amateur Softball Association playoff time in the Maple City tomorrow night and the Chatham Veterans Cabs tangle with Sarnia Polymers in the first game of a two-of-three playoff series. Second game is set for Sarnia, Saturday evening. There is little more to be said about the Chatham Cabbies. They have compiled a win streak of 15 games without a setback in Kent County Softball League play. Then to keep in good spirits, they went after exhibition games and found themselves still playing steady ball. Without a doubt, the present Chatham nine is one of the strongest to represent the Maple City in O.A.S.A. play in some years. But on the other hand, the Tunneltown representatives have always been tough and watching their past series for the Sarnia city title, they are good. They went seven games with Dows before coming out on top. This contest tomorrow night should be the best softball game of the season at Stirling Park and the place should be jammed when the boys take to the field at 6:30 sharp.

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BASEBALL SCHOOL

Tomorrow morning the first baseball school in some time will be held in the Maple City. Out at Athletic Park, members of the Philadelphia Athletics farm system will be present to take part in the three-day-camp. In comparing the boys breaking into professional baseball from Canada and the United States, the noticeable difference in the pro prospects has been the lack of training. Canada simply hasn't got it when it comes to capable instructors who have the ability to pass on the coaching tips to boys on the way up. This is the primary reason why Canadian boys have been few and far between in the major league baseball circles. Now for three days, three qualified instructors, who have had pro baseball playing experience, will be on hand to help the Canadian youths of this area. It is a grand opportunity for all boys from the ages of 14 and up to 22 to grab free ball instruction. The camp will be for instruction and any boys who appear as if they have what it takes for pro ball, will certainly be given the opportunity to make the grade in the American League team's farm system. Joe Boley, Brick Huffman and Bernie Guest will be the visiting instructors. A special thanks is owed to Archie Stirling Sr and James Steele for the efforts they have made in "enticing" the A's to look over our boys to give them a break in pro baseball.

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SOCCER ACTIVITY

Over at Tecumseh Park this evenir[illegible]ranch No. 2[illegible]dian Legion and Ontario Steel soccer eleven battle for the right to represent the Maple City in the Western Ontario Challenge Cup competition among London, Sarnia and Windsor teams will be held and the representatives of the Chatham and District League are anxious that most formidable aggregation will represent the Maple City. Saturday, Ontario Steel and Branch No. 28 Legion battled to a 1-1 deadlock in regulation time. They took time out for a rest and went 20 minutes more before giving up and declaring it a tie. So tonight they go at it again, and nary a fan, who saw Saturday's affair, will be absent when referee Ernie Violot blows the opening whistle. Rod Marshall, Dave Seaton and Boomer Harding will lead the Legion while Miatic Habas, Les Harrogate and Tommy Wishart will be putting up the front for the Ontario Steel eleven when the teams take to the field at 6:15.

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HERE AND THERE

Jottings from a frayed cuff . . Polymers had to go a full seven games to stop Dows in Sarnia and could be a tired ball aggregation when they tackle Vet's Cabs tomorrow night at Stirling Park in O.A.S.A. play. . . . Ezzard Charles and Gus Lesnevich each drew $18,598 for their "why-did-it-have-to-happen" at Yankee Stadium last week. . . Mixed doubles lawn bowling competition on th[illegible] greens of the Chatham [illegible] Bowling Club tonight. We[illegible] that two Brantford girls w[illegible] pear with the Barbara An[illegible]

Legion, Bay Soccer Teams Battle to Draw

17 May 49

In a game marked by good and bad soccer, Branch No. 28 Canadian Legion and Mitchell's Bay battled to a 2-2 deadlock on the Tecumseh Park Field Saturday evening.

Vic Jewiss opened the scoring for the Maple City eleven only to have Bruce McDonald and Barnier shoot the visitors into the lead. Boomer Harding saved the home aggregation from a loss scoring in the dying moments of the last half.

Yesterday's Stars

By The Associated Press

Bobby Thomson, Giants, collected six hits to help New York sweep a doubleheader from Philadelphia. His two-run homer in the 15th won the opener 4-2. He singled twice and tripled to spearhead a 3-0 second-game triumph.

Satchell Paige, Indians, won a 2-1 hurling duel from young Billy Pierce, as Cleveland beat Chicago 2-1 in 11 innings of the second game of a doubleheader. Paige allowed seven hits and fanned seven.

May 44

Chatham Eleven Loses To Windsor

Windsor Sterlings soccer eleven defeated Chatham and District Football Association All-Stars 4-2 in exhibition soccer tilt on the Tecumseh Park Soccer Field Saturday afternoon.

The hometown eleven forced the play in the opening half but were unable to score and the Border City team held a 2-0 lead at the end of the first frame.

In the last half, Boomer Harding took Lou Cowan's pass for the first Chatham goal while Pete Webel notched the second counter.

Legion Wins Soccer Title

Aug 1949

Branch 28 Downs Ontario Steel, 2-0

From The Star's Chatham Bureau

CHATHAM—Branch 28 Canadian Legion, fresh from its winning of the Provincial Legion Soccer Shield, took the Sportsman's Trophy here Saturday by beating Ontario Steel 2-0.

IN STADIUM

Unable to play on their home grounds at Tecumseh Park because playgrounds officials had beaten the hockey season by erecting an open air rink on the soccer field, the two teams played on the Kiwanis Stadium football ground (rugby) to a mere handful of spectators.

The Legion opened strongly with many clever passing plays, after Joe Baker, captain of the Legion team, won the toss and elected to defend the south goal.

Branch 28 dominated the first 20 minutes of play with a goal by Boomer Harding from a passing play in front of the Steelmen's goal.

First half, Legion 1, Ontario Steel 0.

Ontario Steel came back strongly in the opening ten minutes of the second half, but bad co-ordination in their passing plays when almost at the goalmouth, stopped them from scoring.

Charlie Gibson with a neat boot from 20 feet out netted the second tally for the branch, but the Steelmen never let up and were still pressing when the final whistle of the season sounded.

LINEUPS

Teams: Branch 28—Howard, goal; Baker and Browning, backs; V. Jewis, T. Wishard and J. Burk, halves; J. Skolnik, C. Gibson, W. Harper, D. Kett and Harding.

Ont. Steel—Harrogate, goal; E. Smith and M. O'Hara, backs; G. Morton, W. Lands and J. Whittington, halves; Clark, Moody, Edwards, M. Habas and G. Montague, forwards. Referee—William Shulver. Linesmen—A. Adcock and W. Lore.

Aug. 18, 1949

PETE WEBEL, TOMMY COWAN SINK MARKERS IN CUP PLAY

Showing a superiority in passing and kicking on a muddy field, Branch No. 28 Canadian Legion soccer eleven blanked Ontario Steel, 2-0 in Western Challenge Cup competition at Tecumseh Park last night.

Before a hardy group of ardent soccer enthusiasts, who braved the inclement weather, the teams kicked off both striving for the initial break. They battled through the first half with both goalkeepers, Miatic Habas in the Steel rigging and Rod Marshall in the Veterans' strings keeping on their toes.

The ball was muddy and the turf slippery but it didn't dim the ardor of the players, who bounced up as fast as they fell.

Scoreboard read 0-0 at the end of the first half.

Early in the second chapter, loose defensive work on the part of the Steelers cost them a goal when flashy Pete Webel netted on a corner kick.

FINAL GOAL

Play ranged up and down the field in the last half with the Steelmen attempting to deadlock the count while the Legion were out to protect their margin and maybe add another. Late in the chapter after Rod Marshall had pulled off a smart save, Pete Browning sent the ball into the Steel end. Tommy Cowan and Boomer Harding took after it and after Habas had made two stops, right on the doorstep, Tommy Cowan kicked the ball to the goaline. Habas was able to get his hands on it but it slipped through for the final tally of the ...

...oalie Rod Marshall with Glenn ...earson, Viv Jewiss, Tommy Cowan, Boomer Harding and the well-known R. A. F. star, Dave Seaton paced the winners while goaltender Habas, Tommy Wishart, Les Harrogate, Bob Letts, and Johnny Haines were best for the losing aggregation.

The Legion eleven will meet ...e Raleigh-Harwich Combines ...urday to decide the team to ...resent the district in the Cup ...mpetition.

Legion—Goal, Marshall; backs, White and Pearson; halves, Burke, Jewiss and Browning; forwards, Cowan, Kitt, Harding, Seaton and P. Webel; alts., J. Webel, Fitzgeorge.

Ont. Steel—Goal, Habas; backs, Harrogate and Turkington; halves, Letts, Wishart and Dillon, forwards, Walker, Haines, Rowlands, Andrews, Lands; alts., Maynard, Hay and Benmara.

Referee; Ernie Violot; linesman, Alf Mills and Milt Moor.

Final Challenge Cup Soccer Game Here Saturday

The Chatham and District Football Association announced this morning that the final game in the Association's Western Challenge Cup series will be played Saturday at Tecumseh Park with Chatham Branch No. 28 Canadian Legion meeting the Raleigh-Harwich Combines at 6:15 p. m. Alf Mills will referee with Milt Moor and Ernie Violot acting as linesmen.

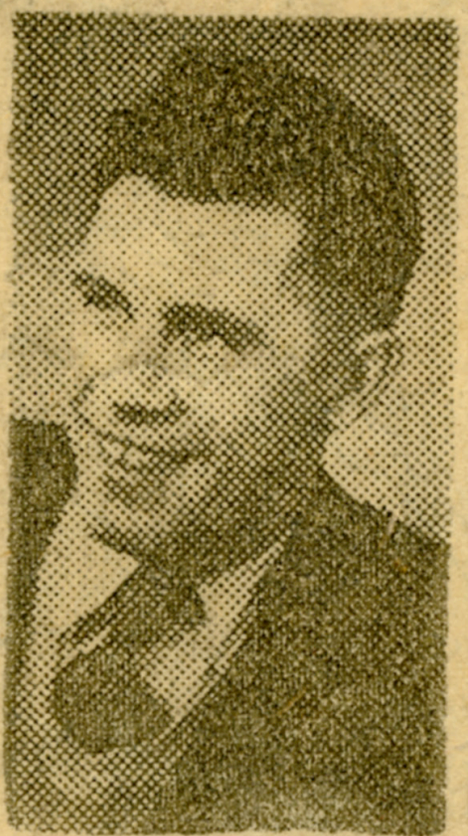
On Saturday, August 27, the Raleigh-Harwich Combines will meet the Wallaceburg eleven at Steinhoff Park, Wallaceburg at 6:15 in the first game in the A. D. Chaplin Injured Players' Trophy competition. On the same date, the Ontario Steel and Branch No. 28 Legion elevents will meet at Tecumseh Park at 6:15 p. m. Mitchell's Bay drew a bye.

President Bill Orr conducted the meeting last night with secretary Bill Shulver. Those in attendance were: John Webel, Jim Wilder, Carson Burk, Frank Scott, Bill Finlay, Dick Pearson, Lester Peck, Lloyd Walker Art Walker, Bob Vanbriesbrouck, Roy Carrier and John Burke.

Sports Review

By MATT DENNIS

The local soccer boys have had a busy season to date and they are not through yet by a long shot. Last week-end, they finished their Western Challenge Cup series playoff with Branch No. 28 Canadian Legion set to represent the Maple City in the southwestern grouping against London and Windsor The Chatham entry has drawn a bye and awaits the winner of the London-Windsor home and home series. Now into the local play come the Injured Players Trophy competition. From eary May when the boys start chasing the soccer ball around the field, there has been action galore at home and away. In these contests, many of the lads have come up with minor injuries. Nothing serious but the odd x-ray and medical treatment has been required. A few years ago, the late A. D. Chaplin put up a trophy for this series and league drew up a knock-out schedule to determine the cup winner. All proceeds from the competition goes towards the medical expenses. Tomorrow on Tecumseh Park the first game in this series starts with the Legion eleven paced by Rod Marshall, Boomer Harding, Tommy Cowan and company tangling with Ontario Steel. The crowds have been the highest of many seasons this year and another group of arden fans will be lining the field when the boys kick off at 3:30.



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LEGION NIPS COMBINES, 2-1 IN PLAY OFF TILT

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Branch No. 28 Canadian Legion soccer eleven edged Raleigh-Harwich Combines, 2-1 to win the right to represent the district in the Western Challenge Cup competition against London and Windsor.

Playing before a large crowd on Tecumseh Park, Saturday evening, the Combines carried the play during the first half but were unable to finish off plays in front of the Veterans' goal. Roy Kitt scored the first goal of the game on a pretty passing play for the Legion only to see R. Vanbriesbrouck tie the count with a 30-foot drive that beat goalie Rod Marshall.

In the last half, the Legion eleven showed more power and veteran Jim White potted the winning goal on a penalty kick. Jenkinson in the Combines goal had to rise to the heights to stop the speedy Legion aggregation in the final minutes.

Glen Pearson, Tommy Cowan and Jewiss starred for the winning eleven while Jenkinson, Ryan and the Van Briesbrouck brothers starred for the losing Combines.

Legion—Goal, Marshall; backs, White and Pearson; halves; Fitzgeorge, Jewiss and J. Webel; forwards; Cowan, Harding, Kitt and P. Webel; alts., K. Soloki.

Combines — Goal, Jenkinson; backs, A. Walker and Ryan; halves Apthorpe, Slokozy and Breda; forwards, Vandewawe, L. Walker, J. Van Briesbrouck, R. Van Briesbrouck and J. Van Briesbrouck; alts., Vantorre and Carrier.

Referee, Alf Mills; linesmen, Ernie Violet and Bill Orr.

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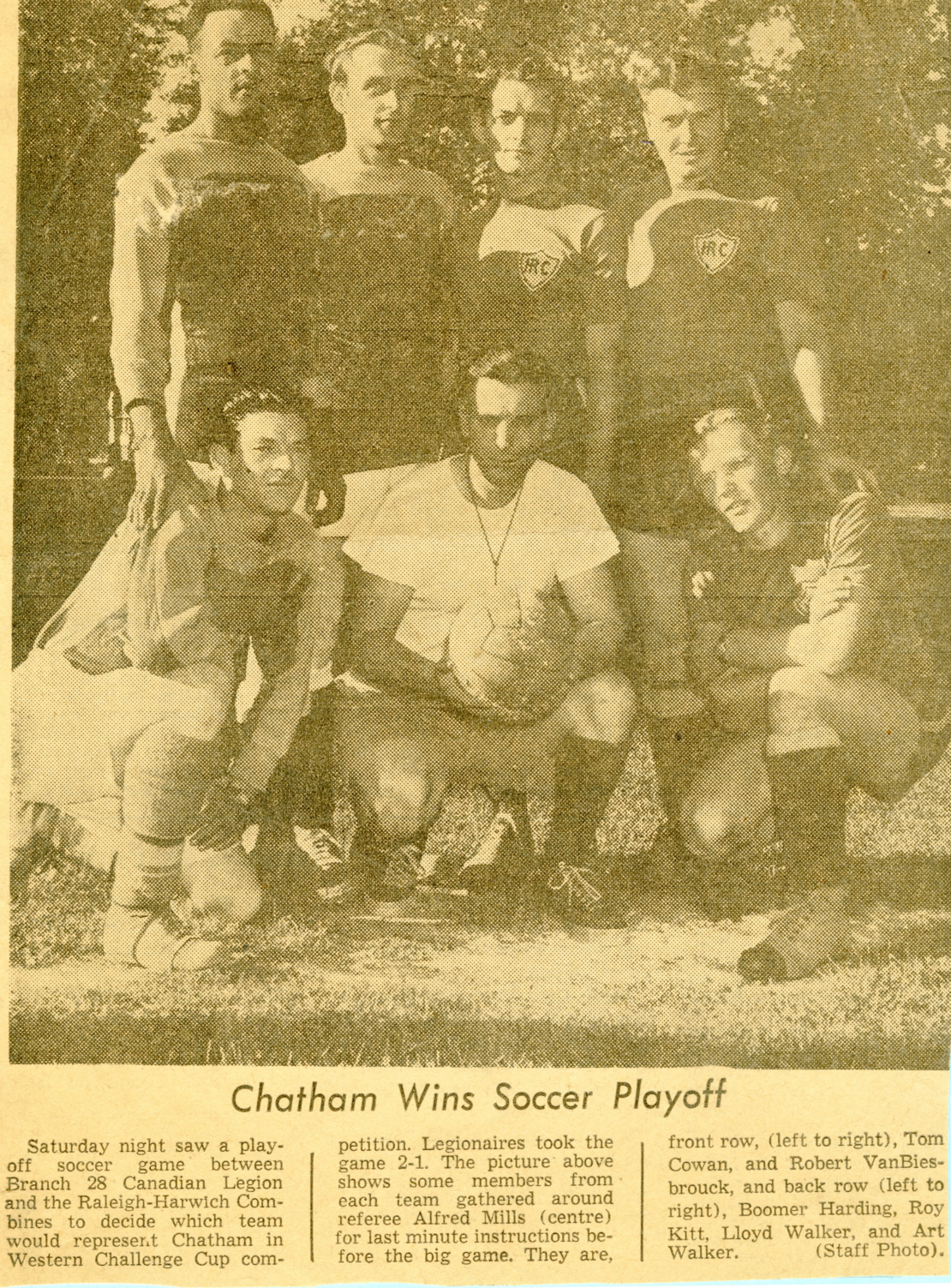

Chatham Wins Soccer Playoff

Saturday night saw a play-off soccer game between Branch 28 Canadian Legion and the Raleigh-Harwich Combines to decide which team would represent Chatham in Western Challenge Cup competition. Legionaires took the game 2-1. The picture above shows some members from each team gathered around referee Alfred Mills (centre) for last minute instructions before the big game. They are, front row, (left to right), Tom Cowan, and Robert VanBiesbrouck, and back row (left to right), Boomer Harding, Roy Kitt, Lloyd Walker, and Art Walker. (Staff Photo).

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LEGION ELEVEN STOPS COMBINES IN FAST GAME

Aug 28, 1949 Board

Branch Number 28 Canadian Legion whipped Raleigh-Harwich Combines 6-2 in Chatham and District play at Tecumseh Park Saturday evening.

The visitors held the advantage in the opening half but were unable to score until R. Vanbresbrook scored on a penalty shot.

But the one goal only spurred the Legion boys into action and they replied with Boomer Harding and Dave Seaton hitting the twine. Vanbresbrook replied with his second goal for the losers with Johnny Skolnik, Pete Webel and Kett grabbing the final tallies for the winning Maple City eleven.

Both goalkeepers, Jenkinson and Marshall turned in standout efforts making many brilliant saves. Vanbresbrook and Lloyd Walker starred for the losers while the entire Legion aggregation played steady ball throughout. Milt Moore and E. Srokosz handled the officiating chores capably.

Legion—Goal; Marshall, backs, Pearson and White; halves, Cowan, Jewiss, Burk; forwards, Skolnik, Seaton, Harding, Kett, P. Webel, J. Webel.

Combines — Goal, Jenkinson; backs, A. Walker, P. Van de Wauwer, halves, C. Srokosz, Carrier, Van Toire; forwards, J. Vanbresbrook, L. Walker, R. Vanbresbrook, Roberton, alternate, Edwards.

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Winners Show Passing Ability To Score 4-1 Victory in Opener

Before a crowd for 300 chilled enhtusiasts, Chatham Branch Number 28 Canadian Legion battled valiantly, but fell 4-1 in the opening game of the provincial Legion soccer finals before the Toronto Earlescourt eleven at Tecumseh Park, Saturday afternoon.

Playing on their home field, the Maple City boys carried the play in the opening minutes with Johnny Skolnik. Bill Haper and Chuck Hearns pacing the attack. Chuck Hearns and Dave Seton made their way in close and only bad marksmanship cost them tallies. Goalie Rod Marshall and Glen Pearson stopped a three-man passing play of the visitors as Bobby Cairns, George Townsend and Red Shelley worked right in to the shadow of the posts. Marshall had pulled off a sensational stop on Willie Lankin when Alex Murray whipped in fast to pick up the loose ball and boot it into the rigging for the only goal of the opening half. Lack of "dead-on" shooting ability and a superior passing attack by the Toronto crew, gave them the advantage in the first canto.

Coming back in the second half, the visitors, who are members of the Toronto and District Soccer Association, were in command. They out ran the homesters and were handlin the ball as if they had it on a string. Bobby Cairns potted the second goal for the winners and when Fred Garrett's bullet kick slipped through Marshall's hands, the visitors were leading 3-0. On a play started by Boomer Harding at the Toronto end, Chuck Hearns scored the only Chatham tally, batting the ball home from a "impossible" angle to completely baffle goalie Woollacott. With less than 10 minutes to go, Bobby Hume finished off a Toronto passing play to sink the final goal of the match.

Displaying more speed and finesse throughout, coupled with uncanny ball handling, the Toronto eleven held the advantage during the contest, although Chatham's individual scoring thrusts were dangerous.

Goalie Len Woollacott, Bobby Cairns, Willie Gow and Fred Garrett paced the inners while Rod Marshall, Tom Wishart, Chuck Hearns, Johnny Skolnik, Bill Harper and Dave Seton battled throughout.

The second game in the two-game, total-goals-to-count series will be played in Toronto, November 19.

Toronto — Goal, Woollacott; backs, Woods and Lankin; halves, Campbell, Garrett and Hall; forwards, Shelley, Cairns, Townsend, McClausland and Gow; alts., Woodley, Hume and Murray.

Chatham — Goal, Marshall; backs, Peradon and Baker; halves, Burke, Wishart and Jewiss; forwards, Skolnik, Seton, Harper, Kitt and Hearns; alts., Harding, Vanbriesbrouch, Cowan.

Officials: Jim Rodie (Windsor), A. Adcock (Chatham), S. Bell (Toronto).

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Sports

Sports Preview By Matt Dennis

Tomorrow afternoon a group of Chatham socerites will step out on the turf at Oakwood Stadium in Toronto in a "do or die" battle for the Provincial championship. For the past two seasons, the Branch No. 28 Canadian Legion eleven has been the championship aggregation sweeping the honors. This year, however they are faced the toughest task yet. On the soccer field at Tecumseh Park, last Saturday, they fell 4-1 to a superior Toronto team. The visitors displayed more finesse and combination play backed up by experience throughout and were fully deserving of their win. On the other hand the Maple City eleven battled all the way and never gave up until the final whistle. Although they are three goals down, the Chatham club will be out there fighting to retain their laurels and the best wishes of the Chatham sport fans go along with the team in their efforts to bring a soccer title to Chatham.

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FIRST HALF GOAL BY MILBURN GIVES STRATFORD ELEVEN WIN IN WESTERN CHALLENGE CONTEST

Nov 19, 1949?

Before one of the largest crowds to witness a soccer contest on Tecumseh Park, Stratford Nationals blanked Chatham Branch Number 28 Legion 1-0 Saturday afternoon.

Game was the first in a goal-game, goals-to-count series for the Western Challenge Cup.

Only twenty minutes of play had elapsed in the first stanza when Milburn beat Red Marshall in the Maple City goal for the only tally of the well-played contest.

Timms in goal for the visitors turned in a brilliant performance as he robbed the Legion sharpshooters time and time again and his backs gave him support throughout.

At the other end, Marshall turned in a starry performance and was "on his toes" all through the contest and he was out of position on the only shot that beat him.

Johnson, Timms and Milburn were stars throughout for the winners while the three Chatham halves, Pete Browning, Vic Jewiss and Burke were the pick of the home eleven as they battled valiantly from the opening pick-off. The forwards up front never bogged down for a minute and any break handed their way would have given them at least a draw on the afternoon's play. Tommy Cowan and Glen Pearson battled both men and ball in the losing cause.

The Windsor referee handled a hard game in capable style and contest was never out of hand.

Maurice Honeyman secretary of the Windsor Football Association kicked the ball to open the game.

Second game of the series will be played in Stratford next Saturday

CHATHAM — Goal Marshall; backs, White and Pearson, halves, Jewiss, Browning and J. Burke; forwards, Skolnik, Seaton, Harding, Kett and T. Cowan, alts., P Weebel, J. Weebel, Baker.

STRATFORD — Goal, Timms, backs, James and Stoddart; halves, Johnson, Murray and Milburn, forwards, Walker, Peterson, Proudfoot, Less and Brooks, alts. Charles.

Chatham Losses Soccer Tilt

By Matt Dennis

TORONTO Toronto Earlecourt Legion out battled a fighting Branch 28 Legion Chatham eleven to win the Provincial Legion Soccer Championship at Oakwood Stadium Saturday afternoon. The Toronto aggregation whipped Chatham 7-4 to take the round 11-5.

Played before a small crowd in a driving snowstorm on a muddy field, the Chatham eleven roared to the front and led 3-2 at the end of the first half.

With no alternatives available the Maple City eleven were unable to compete with the homesters and although they battled to the finish were unable to match the speed of the "freshened"Queen City crew.

Tommy Cowan with two goals paced the visitors with Dave Seaton and Chuck Hearns notching the other two counters.

Glen Pearson who suffered an injured leg the previous Saturday when Toronto triumphed 4-1 did not make the trip and Roy Kitt, Bill Harper and Boomer Harding were also missing.

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Boomer Harding Scores Three Goals As Legion Wins, 3-2

Branch No. 28 Canadian Legion soccer leven edged Wallaceburg, 3-2 in Chatham and District Football activity at Tecumseh Park.

It was "hat trick" performance for veteran star "boomer" Harding who tallied all three Legion goals. Jim Martin notched two for the losing 'Burgmen.

RS' CUP TITLE

TOMMY'S HAT TRICK DOWNS LEGION, 5-4, IN FINAL GAME

A repeat "hat trick" performance by Captain Tommy Cowan presented the Community Spurs with top honors and a handsome trophy on Saturday at Tecumseh Park when Community Spurs edged Charlie Cook's No. 28 Legionnaires by a 5-4 score to walk off with the Injured Players' Trophy.

Scoring three goals in the opening half before the Legion eleven knew what was happening, Tommy Cowan set the Spurs up with a margin which eventually meant victory for Ross Tullock's soccerists and climaxed a successful campaign in the Injured Players' cup play which was revived for the first time in seventeen years.

Tommy Cowan has been a bug bear to rival goalies all season and Saturday's game produced no exception to the rule. He was spectacular, especially during the opening minutes of the game and he blasted three quick ones past Bill Garden in the Legion goal as he evaded the defensive tactics of the Vets.

George Hollowell added one goal to make it 4-0 before the Legion collected themselves and matched the play of the Spurs.

Although the Legion came back strong once they got rolling, only one counter was hung up in their favor when John Skolnik beat Habas for a tally. The Legion pressed hard to get back on an even footing with the Spurs, but their efforts were clubbed by a tight defence.

Despite the fact the Legion was set back on its heels in the opening minutes, they presented a different story in the second half and their determined attacks netted goals by Harvey Geroux, Boomer Harding and N. Walker.

With the Vets on even terms, the Spurs were not to be outdone and George Hollowell supplied the finishing touches to the determined bid by scoring his second goal to cinch the verdict and the silverware for the undefeated Community Spurs.

The largest crowd of the season was treated to the acme of soccer. It was a hard fought game all the way with both clubs coming through with brilliant plays which easily marked the contest as one of the best of the season. It was a fitting climax to a cup series which sparkled with an exceptional brand of soccer right from the first game and should be a forerunner for the fine games which can be expected in the Sportsman's Cup play which starts next Saturday.

At the conclusion of the game, ex-mayor Bedford presented the trophy to Tommy Cowan, captain of the Spurs, and extended his congratulations to the players of both clubs with special mention being made of the fighting spirit and fine play of the Vets.

Legion—Goal, Garden; Backs, Pearson and Baker; Half, H. Parker, Hall and Ellis; Forwards, C. Parker, Walker, Geroux, Kitt and Skolnik; Subs, Browning and Harding.

Community Spurs—Goal, Habas; Backs, Rapley and White; Half, Greerson, L. Cowan and Ellis; Forwards, Hollowell, Chantler, T. Cowan, Harrogate and Hearns; Subs, Montague and Tullock.

Referee, Bill Orr.

Linesmen, E. Violet and G. H[illegible] att.

Stirling Park Gets 'Face-Lifting' For Big Game

In preparation for the Detroit-Chatham veterans' baseball game at Stirling Park next Saturday, Archie Stirling announces that several improvements are to be made this week at the ball field on Park Avenue.

Besides the extra bleachers which will accommodate over 1,000 spectators for the big game, Mr. Stirling is adding wire screen to the left field boundary. The addition of about fifteen feet of wire netting will erase the "easy" homers that have been picked up on clouts to left field in the past.

In addition there will be a "roof" of netting extended from the backstop to eliminate the foul tips from bouncing into the stands or out of the park.

A packed house is expected to be on hand for the baseball treat sponsored by the Kent County Athletic Memorial Committee, which will bring a star-studded nine from Detroit Legion under Bert Pankratz. The local opposition will be the Chatham Seniors under Lew Sadlier and the game is scheduled to start at 3:00 p.m.

Yesterday's Stars

By The Associated Press

Ted Williams, Red Sox—hammered three home runs and a single, driving in eight runs in first game as Boston clubbed Cleveland twice 11-10, and 6-4.

Hal Newhouser and Stubby Overmire, Tigers — Newhouser notched 17th victory on three-hit 5-1 opener against Yankees; Overmire subdued New York with five blows, 6-3, for first triumph of season.

Gil Coan, Senators—Rookie outfielder paced attack with five hits in double decision over Brownies 5-3 and 4-2.

Cleaners, Legion Battle to Draw In Soccer Final

Community Cleaners and Branch 28 soccer elevens turned in valiant efforts against adverse weather conditions on the soccer field at Tecumseh Park as they battled "tooth and nail" to a one-all draw in the final game for the A. D. Chaplin Trophy.

A goodly crowd of soccer enthusiasts thronged the sidelines as the teams swung into action with high winds blowing and a threat of rain but both teams put on a "heads-up" show all the way.

They raced the length of the field in the opening minutes but the wind starting to add to the confusion and passing plays were going awry for both teams.

Legion had the edge of the play in the first half but were unable to beat Marshall in the goal of the Rapley-coached squad while Rapley and Jim White turned in starry defensive efforts.

TOMMY COWAN SCORES

Only three minutes of play had elapsed in the second half when Cleaners broke into the scoring column with veteran soccer star Tommy Cowan slapping the ball past Howard in the Legion goal. Legion was not downed however by this turn of events and continued to press and was rewarded half-way through the half when 'Boomer" Harding, hard-working forward, scored the goal that tied up the contest.

No more scoring resulted and at the completion of the contest, a rain soaked, mud-bespattered group of athletes trouped from the playing field, and deserve plenty of credit for their efforts all through the game.

Referee Rev. E. C. Wood raced up and the field with the players for the contest and the veteran athlete, who is one of the best officials in the district, showed no "holding back" for the weather.

Game will be replayed on the Tecumseh Park soccer field Wednesday night starting at 6 o'clock.

Branch 28 Legion—Goal, Howard; backs, Baker and Rubanski; halves Jewiss, Browning and Baker; forwards, Skolnik, Wishart, Kitt, Harding and Taylor.

Community Cleaners — Goal, Marshall; backs, Rapley and White; halves, J. Cowan, L. Cowan and Ellis; forwards, Grierson, Chantler, T. Cowan, Hearns and Buckland.

Referee, Rev. E. C. Wood; scorer, Bill Tope.

LEGION EDGES CLEANERS TEAM IN FINAL GAME

Branch 28 Legion defeated Community Cleaners 2-1 in sudden-death Sportsmen's Trophy series contest Saturday afternoon on Tecumseh Park. Hero of the game for the Legion was stocky, Johnny Skolnik who scored both his team's goals.

Jim White, Cleaners big full back scored the Cleaner's goal on a penalty shot which beat Howard in the Legion net.

Denny Rayley, hard working playing coach of the Cleaner's team, was forced to leave the game shortly before half time when he suffered a head cut in a collision with Boomer Harding heading a kick off the big Legionnaires boot.

Best for the winners were Skolnik, with two goals, ably backed up by his half line of Wishart, Jewiss, and Burke. Bill Harper, prolific scoring centre of the Legion team was held down tightly for the length of the contest by the Cleaners' fullbacks.

For the Cleaners, Louis Cowan, White, Chandler, Ellis and Marshall played fin esoccer, with their offensive and defensive work shining throughout the contest.

Branch 28 Legion — goal — Howard; backs — Baker and Rubanski; halves, Jewiss, Burke and Wishart; forwards — Skolnik, Taylor, Harper, Kitt, Harding, Browning and Bibson.

Community Cleaners — goal — Marshall; backs — White and Rapley; halves — Ellis, L. Cowan, and Grierson; forwards — Hallowell, Chandler, T. Cowan, J. Cowand, Marshall and Maynard.

By MATT DENNIS

only marker for the Cleaners' eleven coached by Danny Rapley and "Boomer" Harding tied the count for Charlie Cook's Legion squad. One of the most tied men on the field was the referee in charge of the game, Rev. E. C. Wood. He never let up all during the contest and turned in another good effort in an officiating role. These two team go out again for the sudden-death contest tomorrow evening at 6 o'clock and it should be a "rip snortin'" battle all the way on the Tecumseh Park soccer field.

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Raleigh-Harwich Combines Defeat Sarnia Continentals

CDN. Monday July 6, 1953

BLENHEIM — (Staff) — Wilfred Harding and Marc DeBouchere counted two goals each as the Raleigh-Harwich Combines defeated the Sarnia Continentals 4 to 1 in a Chatham and District Soccer game played on Memorial Park, Blenheim.

Play was close throughout most of the game, which saw a very much improved Sarnia team over that of earlier games. With Sarnia playing their best ball, the Combines too came out with their best lineup, but still had a tough time counting the win.

Otto Vellinga scored the lone Sarnia goal.

Lineups —

Raleigh-Harwich Combines — D. Jenkinson, A. Walker, Joe Manbiesbrouck, M. Habas, C. Srokosz, W. Harding, M. Smith, L. Walker, DeBouchere, Robt Vanbiesbrouck, C. Sosnowshi, J. Zaidel, K. Ritchiie.

Sarnia Continentals — Cris Heesakker, Harry Buirsma, B. Bouwmeester, G. Minderman, G. Jonker, Otto Vellinga, F. Wiggert, Otto Vellinga Jr., Eijkahutt, R. Attelman, J. Karrsanje.

Referee — Roy Carter.

Blenheim Combines Oust Mitchells

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MITCHELL BAY — (Staff) — Raleigh - Harwich Combines of Blenheim, ousted Mitchells Bay from the Injured Players Trophy play as they blanked Mitchells Bay 6 to 0 in the semi - final contest.

The Combines will now meet Chatham Hotspurs in the final game to be played on Chatham's Tecumseh Park, Saturday, August 8.

Ken Ritchie and Boomer Harding were the top goal scorers for the Combines with two each. Chester Shsnowski and Robert Vanbiesbrouck each scored one.

Raleigh-Har. Combines Eliminate Hotspurs

By DAVE SETON

Raleih Harwich Combines pulled off a well deserved 5-3 victory over Chatham Hotspurs on Saturday, to oust the 'Spurs from the Sportsmens' Trophy competition. Played as a home and home total goals to count series, the teams battled to a four-goal deadlock in Chatham five weeks ago.

From the kick - off, Hotspurs swung into attack and within minutes Jim Clark took a head ball on the right wing, ran some fifty yards and fired a bullet shot, to put the Hotspurs one ahead.

...EVEN SCORE

Three minutes later Boomer Harding evened the score with a nicely placed shot. Both teams were playing heads up soccer as the ball swung from goal to goal Jim Clark tried another head — and hit the base of the upright. Boomer Harding also had a double shot but failed to beat the 'Keeper.

Hotspurs got a breakaway and with a high lob, Bill Clark scored just as the half time whistle blew.

Immediately after the interval, Ken Ritchie scored to place the teams on even terms again. And then, practically from the face off, Doug Moore headed through his own goal to give Blenheim the lead for the first time.

PRESSING HARD

The Combines were now pressing hard and showing some fine short passing. From one of these moves, Ken Ritchie got the ball and scored with a first time shot. Hotspurs were still fighting though, and from a particularly smart play started by Charlie Ryan and Jim Clark, Dave Seton scored. The game began to roughen up a little and Referee Carter had to warn a couple of players. However the play progressed at a fast pace, and with only minutes left to play Bob Vanbiesbrouch shot the best goal of the game from a bullet drive.

Final score Raleigh Harwich Combines 5, Chatham Hotspurs 3 The Combines won the series 9 goals to 7.

POSTPONED

The second game scheduled between Mitchells Bay and Sarnia Continentals was postponed, and will be played in Sarnia at 6:30 p.m nest Saturday August 1, 1953.

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Soccer Officials Expect Large Crowd at Title Match

By JACK ALPAUGH

Barring rainy weather the soccer "game of the year" will be played tomorrow on Tecumseh Park.

All season three teams have battled neck and neck for first place and the championship of the Chatham and District League. Now in one game the whole issue will be "on the line."

Raleigh Harwich Combines of Blenheim held the top spot through most of the schedule, but an upset last Saturday by Chatham Belgium - Dutch sent the Combines reeling back without any possible chance of reaching the title. With no games remaining the Combines are still tied for first with eleven points. Chatham Hotspurs or Belgium - Dutch both with games in hand stand certain to win top honors. Their meeting tomorrow will cinch the championship, for one club.

Officials are expecting the largest crowd of the season to jam Tecumseh Park. The game is scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m.

Hotspurs Defeat Combines Capture Players Trophy

After a gruelling battle against the tough Raleigh Harwich Combine eleven on Tecumseh Park Saturday, the Chatham Hotspurs won the Injured Players Trophy with a 2-1 victory.

Adverse weather reduced the crowd to the smallest of the season, — but the few spectators present certainly had plenty to shout about.

Hotspurs won the toss and elected to play with the very strong wind at their backs. Blenheim kicked off, and from the first passing movement "Boomer" Harding tested the Chatham goaltender with a snap shot. Then Hotspurs swung into the attack only to see a beautiful half volley from Ossy Chandler pushed over the bar by Don Jenkinson. After a goalkick, the Blenheim defence fumbled and David Seton moving in fast, gathered the ball, beat two men — then saw the wind carry his drive way over the crossbar.

With the wind's assistance, Hotspurs were easily dominating the play and it was no surprise when, at the 25 minute mark, Jim Clark scored from a goalmouth scramble. Ten minutes later Hotspurs were awarded a free kick. Hollis took a long shot which David Seton gathered almost on the goal-line, and quickly slipped the ball past the Blenheim goaltender

Half time: Chatham Hotspurs 2, Raleigh Harwich Combines 0.

One minute after the interval Blenheim stormed the Chatham goal. The ball passed rapidly from man to man and with a quick drive, Lloyd Walker scored. Now the Combines were using the wind, with Robert Vanbiesbrouch in particular always dangerous. However goalie Doug Moore was in excellent form and confidently handled all shots. Although Blenheim were holding a slight edge on the play, Hotspurs were still managing a few attacks and once or twice came close to scoring. Then Robert Vanbiesbrouch tried a long shot at the Chatham goals and with the goalie well beaten, a gust of wind lifted the ball sufficient to hit the cross bar. Minutes later Robert again had bad luck with a shot just wide of the upright. 'Spurs went on the rampage again but with the Blenheim goaltender out of goal Bill Clark's snap shot from a difficult angle, went wide.

This was a good game played under the most trying conditions. Both teams had several excellent chances which were nullified by the tricky wind. Roy Carter refereed well, especially as the freely bouncing ball caused several minor and unintential fouls. Doug Moore, Reg Hollis and Jim Ellis were outstanding for the Hotspurs, whilst Don Jenkinson, Robert Vanbiesbrouch and Murray Smith starred for Blenheim.

Final Score: Chatham Hotspurs 2, Raleigh Harwich Combines 1.

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Chatham Soccer Club Leads Playoff Series

Francis Foods Hotspurs have a three-nothing lead over the Wallaceburg Falcons in the home and home soccer series for the Sportsmen's Trophy

First game was played at Wallaceburg Saturday and the return game is scheduled for 6.30 p. m in Tecumseh Park, September 3.

As the score indicates, the Chatham eleven dominated most of the first game The Falcons playing two men short Scorers were Prudence, Moor and Kallagher

LINEUPS

Falcons Goal, Koiter fullbacks, Peck and Hereygers halfbacks, Kerkof, Jones, Van Coillie, forwards Royce, Schopf E. Van Coillie.

Hotspurs — Goal, Fitsgeorge fullbacks, Carstairs and Andrews, halfbacks, Prudence, Hoolis and Chantler Forwards, Morris, Zagglioni, Moor Kallagher and McGuinness. Subs, White, Formosa.

Referee — Frank Van Houtte of Chatham.

Linemen — Verburg and Bootsgezel.

Wallaceburg Falcons Keep Soccer League Leadership

1955

WALLACEBURG — (Staff) — In a fast and well played game of the Chatham and district soccer football league Saturday afternoon, the Wallaceburg falcons tied Chatham's Town and Country shop 2-2.

As a result of the game, the Falcons are still at the top of the league, two up, for a total of seventeen points. The town and country team is in second place with fifteen points.

Some excellent fast work on the part of both goalies helped to keep the score down. Goalie Koiter of the Falcons started off by throwing out the leather twice in early minutes of the game. The Falcons tried several times for a score but the Town and Country boys staged a counter-offensive that kept Koiter almost too busy

Koiter booted out two or three attempts to score and then the Falcons surged several times towards the visitors uprights. Presently Dave Seton, fast travelling centre, took the ball on a pass from Boomer Harding for first score of the game at 30 minutes of the first period.

After the mid-field kick-off Chatham got the leather and lost it a minute later as the Falcon forwards tried for another goal. Losing the ball, the Falcons raced towards their own goal but Joe Franssns was there a bit too soon to score Chatham's first counter.

After half time the Chatham boys got the leather and made several ineffectual tries, all of which goalie Koiter kept out. How he managed to do so under pressure seemed to be a miracle. Some of his stops were almost uncanny

Seton notched up the second counter for the Falcons after some twenty minutes of play in the second half, and later on Kleuskes took the ball from Driessen to score the final counter from a fairly close in position.

WALLACEBURG FALCONS — Goal, R. Koiter; R. B. H. Hereygers; L. B. A Bootsgezel; RH B, C. Van Collie; C.H.B. J Van R Royce; I.R., Joe Schopf; centre, Dave Seton; IL., Ed. Van Coillie; O.L., B. Harding, subs, Les Peck; Jan Toxepus.

CHATHAM TOWN AND COUNTRY - goal, Toxopeus; R. B., Luyt; CH.B., Hystek; L.H.B., John C.H.B., Hystek; L.HB, John Lannoo; centre, Kleuskes; IL. Joe Franssen; OL., Bonn; Subs, box.

Referee, Frank van Houtte.

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Wallaceburg Falcons Lead District Soccer League

Wallaceburg Falcons continue to lead the Chahtam and District Football Association according to Harry P Verburg, league secretary

The Falcons are currently enjoying a two point margin over second place Chatham Town and Country Shop who have 14 points.

The Falcons will be able to increased their lead to four points should they come up with a win over third place Francis Foods Hotspurs, at 4.00 p.m. at Tecumseh Park Saturday afternoon.

League standings are as follows:

	W	L	T	F	A	P
Wallaceburg	8	1	0	29	11	16
T and Country ..	7	2	0	34	12	14
Francis Foods	3	5	0	17	21	6
x - Mitchell's Bay	0	10	0	3	39	0

x defaulted game to T and C, to be played this week-end.

LEADERS

Top goal getter in the league is Joe Franssen of Town and Country. He has scored 16, three more then second place Terry Hodgins of Wallaceburg. Harry Bon of T and C. has 10, and Ed Vancoillie of the 'Burg has nine.

Top goalie in the group is Jack Toxopeus, perennial winner of the leading goalie award. He has a 1.59 goals against average for seven games. Joe Plommers of Wallaceburg is second with a 1.61 mark for five games.

Next Saturday, September 24, the final game of the Sportsman's Trophy will be played at Tecumseh Park at 4.00 p.m. between Francis Foods and Town and Country. The teams battled to a 0-0 deadlock last week.

Falcons Win Championship

Oct 13/55

WALLACEBURG — (Staff) — In final game of the season the Wallaceburg "Falcons" won the Chatham and District Soccer Football League championship by defeating the Francis' food Hotspurs 8-1 at Steinhoff park. In spite of the cool wheather an excellent crowd attended to cheer the local boys on to victory

Wallaceburg took the kick-off, but then the visitors grabbed the leather to retain it for nearly twenty-five minutes of play. Kherkov relieved Hereygers who was hurt and in the next Wallaceburg rush Schopf took the ball up through the right wing position and passed it in to Kherkov who topped the leather past Matthews for the Burg's first counter.

JONES SCORES

Two minutes later Jones put in another goal which Matthews misjudged as Seton was bothering him and tipped the leather into his own goal. At 34 minutes of play Mark Formose put in a nice cross which Bloomer made a lovely save. At 40 minutes mark Seton made up a rush, and after beating two men put the ball past Matthews for the Burg's third goal.

As play resumed after halftime E. VanCoillie swung the ball to front of the Chatham goal where D. Seton pounced on it for the fourth goal of the game. J Schopf tried hard for a goal and missed it by inches. At 30 minutes, on a breakaway play by Seton the leather was kicked in by Schopf for the fifth goal. Two minutes later veteran player Boomer Harding took the ball through to make it 6-0.

After several dangerous rushes, and a good save by Harding, the Chatham boys finally made their only score on a shot from Formosa After the kick-off Seton scored his hat-trick. From the next kick-off E. Van Coillie popped the final kick in almost dead centre of the Chatham goal.

Wallaceburg Falcons: Goal, Bloomer; R. B. Gootsgezel, LB, J. Van Coillie; RF, C. VanCoillie; CH, Hereygers; LH, A. Jones; OR R. Royce; IR, Schopf; CF, Seton IL, E. Van Coillie; OL, B. Harding; sub Kherkov.

Francis Food Hotspurs: Goal, Matthews; RB, McGuinness; LB, Andrews; RH, Prudence, CH, Hollis; LH, Chandler; OR, Morris, IR, Zaglioni; CF, D. Moor, IL, J. Fitzgeorge; OL, A. Formosa; Sub P. Woodrow.

Referee: Ernie De Costa.

Won Chatham and District Soccer Football League Championship

High Influx Of Europeans Boosts Soccer In Chatham

By ERNIE MILLER

With three teams battling for top honors in the Chatham and District Football Association and the increased interest in soccer in Chatham's public and high schools, the game is fast becoming one of the city's most popular sports.

The renewed interest in soccer in this area started shortly after the war years and the large influx of Europeans and other Nationalities to this country accounts for a large measure of the increased interest.

Soccer in the elementary schools is enjoyed by over 150 participants while action in high schools is restricted to WOSSA competition. So popular is the sport in the high schools, that International exhibitions are played each year with Cranbrook, Michigan. Both the Chatham Collegiate and Vocational school take turns at hosting the event each season.

The history of the present Chatham and District Football Association dates back to the late nineties until the present.

Two world wars halted the progress of soccer in Chatham but following the war a terrific boom was to take place.

RENEW INTEREST

Soccer, perhaps, is played more on the European continent than it is in North America. However, the strong influx of immingrants to this country from Europe has renewed the once-stinging interest of soccer in Chatham.

Following the war, Bill Shulver the man who more than any other person in the district tried to keep soccer alive, called a meeting at the request of the new players and former Chatham players to form a soccer league here.

The response was overwhelming Former players including Carson and Richard Burke, Bill Stephens Bill Tope, Ernie Violet, Sid Rylett, Reg Catton and Harry French rallied together to form a new league in this area.

Colonel I. V. Nurse provided the proposed league with a soccer ball and with the active support of Walter Charteris, Harold Hunter, Bill Cook, Reg Drake, Bill Davidson, Alf Mills. Art Walker, Bill Orr, Ted Cruse, Art Ernteman, Joe Emmott and the late A. L. Thompson, the Chatham and District Football Association was reformed.

Soon after the league was formed, Chatham had acquired its first Ontario Soccer Championship and a year later went as far as the Western Ontario Soccer finals.

The Ontario Football Association asked Chatham to affiliate and gave full recognition. During the past few years, two Chathamites have served on the Western Ontario Soccer Cup Committee.

The present soccer loop nearly became extinct, when in the 1950-1952 season, the difference of playing rules between European and Canadian soccer caused friction within the league itself.

REORGANIZED

Drastic action which resulted in players being suspended from league play, clubs fined and suspended was taken by the local soccer executive comprising Alf Mills, Dave Seton, Bill Shulver, Bob Metcalf and Ernie Violet to make the game the clean sport it is reputed to be.

The association is now one of the most efficient in the Province. At present, only three teams comprise the Chatham and District Association, but plans for next season may include another three teams.

Chatham is represented in the league by Moore Hotspurs who follow a line of variously named Hotspur teams over the past decade. This team, during the last ten years has signed players predominantly of Canadian and English background. Numbered among the players over this period are well known stars who include the Cowan brothers, Tommy and Lou, Boomer Harding, Jim White Bus Land, Tommy Wishart. Osy Chantler, Jim Ellis, Ken Maynard, Chuck Hearns and of course the present players.

During the last two years. most of the original members retired and within this period, the flow of immingrants from the old country also diminished.

Douglas Moore decided to take on the team this season and was assisted financially by his father and uncle, Albert and Milt Moore. Milt is noted throughout the district soccer centres as one of the finest referees and fastest players ever to don soccer toggery.

Finding players was quite a problem but Doug delved into the ranks of the Belgian-Dutch club (now defunct) and came up with a well-balanced club.

SURPRISE TEAM

The Mitchell's Bay eleven has been the surprise team of the season. Thier history dates back to the turn of the century. Throughout the history of the Chatham and District Soccer league, Mitchell's Bay has always had a representative. During the past decade and until two years ago, the Bay were considered the toughest team in the league and carried with them the most rabid fans. However, father time wielded his scythe and several top players were forced to call a halt to their playing activities and the team folded during the last quarter of the 1955 season. It was the first time they did not operate a soccer team. However, under the organization effort of Ronald Royce, long associated with the Wallaceburg team, the team was re-organized and are proving strong contenders for the Sprotsmen's trophy this season.

The third entry into the league needs little introduction. Wallaceburg has always been a powerhouse in district soccer circles and their outstanding record speaks for itself. The team jumped from last place in 1951 to the league championship in 1952, 1955 and 1956. They hope to gain their fourth title in six years this season.

"Numbered among the players over this period are well known stars who include the Cowan brothers, Tommy and Lou, Boomer Harding, Jim White, Bus Land....."

MONTAGUE, HARDING SCORE IN 2-0 VICTORY

A goal scored on the Chrysler soccer team would seemingly be something to crow about—in fact it hasn't been done this season.

Second Kents found that out Saturday afternoon as the Reserve Army men were unable to drive the ball through the uprights once as the auto boys registered a 2-0 victory.

Last time the teams met, the Second Kents went scoreless in a game that ended a deadlock. In Chryslers' last game they scored a 7-0 victory over a hapless Ontario Steel squad.

Saturday, Georgie Montague and Wilfred "Boomer" Harding booted the ball past goalie Simmons to give Chryslers their margin of victory.

The teams, however, were evenly balanced enough to stage a good game. The sad part was that only a handful of people went over to Tecumseh Park to witness the clash.

The lineups:

Chryslers—Goal, Fortescue; fullbucks, T. Cowan and Marshall; halves, Garden, L. Cowan and T. Gow; centre, Harding; insides, Lenover and Montague; outsides, Fair and Dodman.

Second Kents—Goal, Simmons; fullbacks, Stevens and Mills; halves, Grierson, Thompson and Garlick; centre, White; insides, McNeill and Simpson; outsides, Gow and Gee.

B. T. C. TRIES FOR SECOND WIN TONIGHT

All receipts from June 17 tilt will go to Greek War Relief Fund. 43

Fresh from a 4-3 victory Wednesday over St. Lukes Barracks of Windsor, No. 12 Basic Training Centre softballers will attempt to make it two straight tonight in their series with the Border City team in the military playdowns. The game which was originally scheduled for the Training Centre will be played on Tecumseh Park at 6:30 and all receipts will go to the Greek War Relief Fund, so besides seeing a good ball game the fans will be helping a worthy cause.

Several of last years players are still with the Chatham club and alongside the new ones should go a long way towards winning the military title. Either Bobo Stinchcombe or Jack Heydon will be called upon to do the hurling for the soldiers tonight, while Art Carley will be behind the plate. Stinchcombe was one of the mainstays of the hurling staff which carried the club to the Ontario Military championship last year, and he pitched five-hit ball against Windsor, Wednesday night

Whether or not Mickey Murray, will be at his old position at first base is not known for he has been confined to the hospital recently. However, the soldiers have another star in Tommy White who pitches for the baseball team and who scored the winning run on Wednesday after hitting a home run in the second inning.

The following are those who will probably be in uniform tonight and the city from which they come. -- Bobo Stinchcombe, Windsor, Jack Heydon, Windsor, Art Carley, Windsor, Tommy White, Windsor, Mickey McMahon Chatham, Bob Boyes, Chatham, George McCurdy, Amherstburgh, Steve Dunn, Windsor, Harry Morgan, Windsor, Johnny Dunlop, Windsor, George Hunson, Windsor, Sonny Lennox, Windsor and Jack Higgins Windsor.

SCORE SECOND WIN

CHATHAM SOLDIERS

OVER WINDSOR

HEYDON HOLDS VISITORS TO ONLY SIX SAFETIES

Five run outburst in second chases Watters to the bench.

June 19 43

Pitching six-hit ball, Jack Heydon, youthful hurler of the No. 12 Basic Training Centre softball team, held Windsor St. Luke's Barracks to five runs to give the Chatham soldiers their second straight win over Windsor, 7-5, last night on Tecumseh Park. Although his teammates looked bad in the field at times, committing four errors, Heydon tightened up in the pinches and worked his way out of them.

Chatham chased Watters, who started the game on the mound for the losers, in the second inning after he had retired two men and five runs had crossed the plate. Nolan quelled that outburst with his windmill style hurling and proceeded to hold the local soldiers in check throughout most of the game, allowing only one run to cross the plate in each of the third and eighth frames.

The Chatham infield was a bit shaky at the start of the game especially in the first inning when one error was made and the ball juggled several times. However they settled down after two runs were scored and played a smart game.

Windsor bunched their six hits in twos, in the first, fifth and sixth innings, accounting for runs in each of these frames. Scott singled in the fifth and scored on Lanoue's single. Again in the eighth the visiting soldiers came through with two runs, coming within one run of tieing up the game. However, smart fielding plays caught two runners on the bases and ended Windsor's last chance to win.

Heydon was given credit for the win while Watters, who started for Windsor was charged with the loss.

WINDSOR

	AB	R	H	O	A	E
Pracey, 3b.	5	0	0	3	1	1
Lanoue, cf.	3	1	1	2	0	0
Cipparoni, c. ..	4	1	0	4	1	0
Biassetti, 1b. ...	4	2	2	12	0	0
Grouix, lf.	4	0	1	0	0	0
Pinnegar, ss. ..	4	0	1	1	7	0
xLee, rf.	1	0	0	0	0	0
Ross, rf.	3	0	0	0	0	0
Scott, 2b.	3	1	1	2	2	0
Watters, p.	1	0	0	0	0	0
Nolan, p.	3	0	0	0	1	1

NO. 12 B.T.C. TOO GOOD FOR AIRMEN

CDN AUG. 27 1943

No. 12 Basic Training Centre softballers proved last night they have not gotten too rusty after a long layoff when they defeated St. Thomas R.C.A.F. Training School 4-2, in an exhibition game at Rondeau Park in aid of the Blood Donors Clinic. Although they looked weaker in the field than the airmen, the soldiers showed up well at the bat, slamming Dyett, St. Thomas hurler for 10 hits, while "Buzz" Nolan limited the flyers to a mere five.

The local camp took the lead in the third inning when three singles in a row, after two batters were retired, sent two runs across the plate. Adding to this in the fourth, they made the count 3-0, but Dyett came through with a home run in the fifth with the bases empty to spoil any thoughts Nolan had of a shutout.

The soldiers completed their scoring in the sixth when two singles were bunched together after two men were out to account for one run. That was all the soldiers could get across the plate while the airmen attempted to stage a last inning rally. Ryan, the first batter to face Nolan in the ninth, connected for a triple and scored when the next three men grounded out.

White, Nolan and A. Harding connected for extra-base hits for the soldiers, White slamming out a triple and the other two doubles. White also hit two singles in five trips to the plate.

Dylett, although he allowed ten safeties, struck out six batters, while Nolan fanned three. However, the local hurler had perfect control, walking none, while the St. Thomas pitcher passed two.

Lineups:

St. Thomas: Warring c, Tammaro ss, Babii 1b, Nyzniyck lf, Ryan 2b, Prophet 3b, Tapper rf, Dyett p, Stewart cf.

Chatham:—Cipparone c, Heydon ss, 2b, White 3b, 2b, Biassatti 1b, Grouix lf, Morgan rf, Nolan p, Dunlop 3b, Harding cf, Hanson.

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St. Thomas 000 010 001—2	5	1	
Chatham .. 002 11 000—4	10	4	

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WILL NEVER FORGET

Baseball fans, players and managers all know that anything can happen in a game, but we doubt if Oakdale fans will ever see a play again like the one "Boomer" Harding pulled in the first game of Wednesday's double header.

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It was in the sixth inning of the first game and "Boomer" was on second with Hank Biassatti on third. Fisher, youthful Dresden hurler was on the mound and all set to pitch when Harding called, "Hey, let me see that ball.' Fisher promptly turned around and threw the ball to "Boomer" who stepped out of the way and scored behind Biassatti, the ball going out into left field. Yes it was a smart play on Harding's part, but what about Fisher?

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NOLAN, HEYDON AND SARGENT COMBINE TO PITCH PERFECT GAME, BEATING IPPERWASH

C.D.N. TUE SEPT. 14, 1943

"Buzz" Nolan, Jack Heydon and Fred Sargent combined on the mound to turn in a no-run, no hit effort as No. 12 Basic Training Centre eliminated Ipperwash from the military softball playdowns of M. D. 1 last night by the lop-sided score of 15-0. It was pust a practice game as far as the local camp was concerned for the visitors pitching was weak, a total of 15 solid blows being collected from the offerings.

From the first inning it was apparent that No. 12 would have no trouble in disposing of Ipperwash as two runs were tallied in the initial frame. Two more were added in the second, and four in the third made victory certain. However, the winners never slackened their hitting and added four counters in the sixth and one in the eighth.

The losers never came close to crossing the plate except in the eighth when Fred Sargent took over the mound duties for the Training Centre. The first three men to face him secured passes and the next batter popped out to the infield. The next two men to step to the plate went back to the bench via the strikeout route as the former City League hurler started to warm up.

The leading men at the plate were Heydon and Hanson who secured three hits in four times at bat while Cipparone pounded out the longest hit of the evening, a triple. Hanson, Nolan, "Boomer" Harding and Grouix all secured doubles.

Each of the Chatham hurlers had good control Nolan walking one, Heydon none and Sarget four. Heydon fanned five while Sargent and Nolan each fanned four batters. Retzler and Cummings, who divided the mound duties for Ipperwash, failed to register a strikeout and walked one and two men respectively.

Lineups:—

Ipperwash:— Turowskiss, Brenner 2b, Scott 3b, Huber 1b, Corchis c, Holmes 1f, Kemp cf, Magone rf, Retzler p, Cummings p, Burns 1f, Nagorsin 1f, Tempel cf.

No. 12 B. T. C.:— Cipparone c, Heydon 2b, p, ss, White 3b, 2b Biassatti 1b, Nolan p, Grouix 1f Morgan rf, Hanson ss McCurdy cf Dunlop 3b, B. Harding cf, A. Harding rf, Sargent p.

	R	H	E
Ipperwash . 000 000 000 .	0	0	4
No. 12 B. T. C. 224 204 01x	15	15	1

LONE SINGLE RUINS NOLAN'S NO-HIT GAME

C.D.N. FRI. Sept 17, 43

No. 12 Basic Training Centre continued their habit of winning softball games by big margins last night as they walloped Queen's Park, London, 17-1, before a small crowd at the camp in the first game of a best-of-three series for the championship of Military District No. 1. Until the ninth inning with one man out "Buzz" Nolan had a no-hit game, but a single by Collins spoiled the effort. Earlier in the week, Nolan combined with Jack Heydon and Fred Sargent to hurl a perfect game against Ipperwash. The next game of the series will be played in London next Thursday.

The game from the first inning on was a runaway for the local nine as they completely outclassed their rivals in every department except fielding.

Led by Dunlop, with two hits in four times at bat and Biasatti with two for five, No. 12 slammed out fourteen hits off two pitchers who couldn't hold down the bats of the locals. Dalpee, who started on the mound for the losers, was touched for ten hits in the three and a third innings he worked, while Kidder, who succeeded him, cooled the Training Centre down a bit, keeping them to three runs and four hits. Dalpee was wild, walking eight men in the innings he worked, while his reliever passed two. Kidder fasned one.

Nolan was never in trouble and at no time had to worry. After Dalpee reached first on an error in the third, the big windmill stylist retired 16 men in a row before Collins came through with his single in the ninth.

The local nine could have quit after the first inning when they tallied nine runs, but added one in the second, two in the third, and put two men on base before Dalpee was yanked from the mound in favor of Kidder. The second man to face the new hurler was Hank Biassatti who stepped into one and clouted it for a home run, scoring two runs ahead of him. Kidder then bore down and pitched good ball until the eighth when two more counters crossed the plate.

London's only run came in the second when Ashwell, left fielder, hit a hot grounder to shortstop

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plicated the feat, Ashwell rounding the bases on the double error.

Other extra-base hits besides Biassatti's round tripper were credited to Hanson, Pinnegar and Cipparone, who connected for doubles and triples by Andy Harding and Hanson.

Lineups:—

London—Collins, 2b; Moore, c, Kinsela, ss; Faust, cf; Kidder, 3b, p; Ashwell, lf; Youst, rf, 3b; McClelland, 1b; Dalpee, p. rf; Morrison, p.h.; and Jackson, p.h.

Chatham—Cipparone, c; Heydon, ss, 2b; A. Harding, rf; Nolan, p; Biassatti, 1b; White, 2b, rf; B. Harding, rf; Hanson, ss; Pinnegar, 2b; Grouix, lf; Dunlop, 3b; Pracey, 3b; McCurdy, cf.

Line score:—

	R.	H.	E.
London .. 010 000 000—	1	1	1
Chatham . 912 300 02x—17	14	2	

And B. T. C.

PLAYOFFS DEADLOCKED WHEN PITCHERS STAGE HITTING-PITCHING DUEL

Nolan tags two-bagger with two men on in 13th inning to win an 8 to 6 battle for St. Luke's—Series now tied at three-all with St. Luke's winning three in row.

Pitcher Nolan deadlocked the softball playoff series between St. Luke's Barracks and No. 12 Basic Training Centre at three-all when he clipped out a two bagger in the last of a 13-inning tilt with two men on the pathways at the Training Centre last night to give St .Luke's an 8-6 win over the Army. The victory is St. Luke's third straight over the Centre, the army boys having taken the first three games in succession.

Last night's duel is the longest staged between the two clubs, going a full 13 innings before St. Luke's were able to exert a slight superiority. The winners were outhit, but enjoyed a margin of play as they only made one miscue while No. 12 booted the ball for six errors. They partially offset this by collecting a total of nine bingles, which kept them in there fighting.

At the end of the ninth frame great pitchers battling it out on the mound but also in the batting box. In the twelfth frame Stinchcombe put his army mates out in front when he romped around the pathways on a nice four-bagger. Not to be outdone Nolan came into bat in the latter half of the stanza and duplicated the fete. Nolan really sewed things up in the last half of the thirteenth, when with two men on, he clipped a two-base hit.

White for the local army boys secured a home run while Ross for St .Luke's clouted out a triple.

	R	H	E
St. Luke's— 002 002 000 101 2	8	7	1
No. 12 B. T. C.— 200 101 000 101 0	6	9	6

St. Luke's—Cipparone, c., Ric-

All-Star Game At Tecumseh Park

Thursday evening at Tecumseh Park, an All-Star team composed of City League players will meet the Chatham O.A.S.A. entry.

Following players are requested to turn out for the game: Murray Glennie, Bob Buckles, Bill Pick, Walt Zybura, Boomer Harding, Jim Wimpress, Bob Andison, Larry Trotechard, Chuck Cooper, Leo Corriveau, Joe Leschyshyn and Mickey McMahon of the City League and Ross Babcock of the Industrial League.

Game is scheduled for under the lights at 8:30.

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SPORTS REVIEW

By Morley Reekie

SHERMAN'S HOPEFUL

Glancing at another entry in the City Softball loop, this time we take a gander at the Sherman hopes for the coming season . . . George Sherman is quite optimistic about his chances and has several outstanding players of the city lined up to carry their team's name into the race for local honors . . . Included in his lineup will be several players that have previously played baseball under the Sherman colors.

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At the present time mound duties seem to be slated for Sherman Brown with the catching resting in the hands of either Don Yale or "Boomer" Harding . . . This trio are also gifted with versatility that enables them to play infield positions in fine style . . . With positions as yet undecided, the others trying for infield sports are Ross Babcock and Ossie Suitor. . . . The outfield will see "Bummer" Mahon, Jim Kearns and Murray Williams all making a strong bid . . They have all shown up well in past seasons, and George is confident that his boys will be soaring around the top when the leaves are beginning to drop from the trees at Tecumseh Park.

'NUFF SAID, FIGURES TELL GRIM STORY

SHERMANS

	AB	R	H	O	A	E
Busteed, 3b. ..	7	4	2	1	4	0
Bathurst, 2b. ..	6	5	3	0	1	1
B. Harding, 1b.	7	2	5	9	0	1
Yale, lf.	8	2	4	0	0	0
Babcock, ss. ..	5	5	0	2	1	0
Reynolds, rf. ..	4	3	3	2	0	0
Reid, cf.	2	2	2	1	1	0
Harper, c.	6	6	5	2	0	0
Pick, p.	5	4	1	0	2	0
D. Williams, rf.	1	2	0	1	0	0
M. Williams, cf.	2	2	1	3	0	0
Totals	53	37	26	21	9	2

LIBBYS

	AB	R	H	O	A	E
Scott, ss. p.	2	1	1	0	5	1
Burnham, rf. ..	3	1	1	1	0	1
Moon, 2b. p. lf.	4	0	0	0	0	1
Little, lf. 1b. ..	4	0	0	9	0	2
A. Harding, 1b. p. ss.	3	0	1	2	2	0
Irving, 3b.	2	0	0	0	3	0
McAlorum, cf. .	2	0	0	3	0	2
Trudell, c.	3	0	1	6	1	1
Verbeem, p. ...	0	0	0	0	1	1
Dauphin, 2b. ..	3	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	26	2	4	21	13	9

Twigg batted for Burnham in 7th.

Shermans . 8 13 1 0 7 3 5—37 26 2
Libbys ... 1 0 0 1 0 0 0— 2 4 9

Two-base hits—Harper 2, Reynolds. Home runs—Reynolds, Yale. Double plays—Reid, Bathurst to Harding. Left on bases—Shermans 10, Libbys 8. Hits—Off Verbeem 13 in 1 2-3 innings; off Moon 2 in 0 innings; off Harding, 8 in 4 1-3 innings; off Scott, 3 in 1 inning. Bases on balls—Off Verbeem 3; off Moon 2; off Harding 7; off Scott 1; off Pick 3. Struck out—By Verbeem 1; by Harding 1; by Pick 1. Winning pitcher—Pick. Losing pitcher—Verbeem. Time of game—1:30. Umpires—Hinnegan and McPherson. Scorer—Bean.

STANDING

	W.	L.	Pct.
Chatco	4	1	.800
Shermans	4	1	.800
Whites	3	2	.600
Goodisons	3	2	.600
Dover Centre	1	4	.200
Libbys	0	5	.000

ART SELLERS' FOUR-HIT GAME A SHADE "TOO HOT" FOR LIBBYS

Behind the four-hit pitching of Art Sellars, speedball artist who was in rare form, Shermans swamped Libbys in the second night's play of the City Softball League at Tecumseh Park last night to the tune of 16-4.

It was just the wrong night for these nines to meet as far as Libbys were concerned. The winners were in top form and behind the air-tight hurling of Sellars, they just couldn't do anything wrong. Libbys on the other hand got a bad game out their system when they committed a total of fourteen errors.

Shermans coasted through the first seven innings to mark each frame except the last two. The only rally to collect dividends for Libbys was in the eighth, but it was stopped at three runs when Ross Babcock, at short, made a spectacular catch and after rolling on the ground came up with the ball for the third out.

Sellars slipped the third strike past fourteen batters to establish a fair record in his season's debut. He issued eight free bases. Bill Brunton, who started twirling for Libbys, fanned four and walked three in being nicked for seven hits over a five inning route, while his relief, Earl Verbeen, gave up four hits in as many innings and struck out three and walked two.

Boomer Harding, Alex McAuley and Bill Harper leaned heavy on the willow for Shermans. Harding was the big noise with his four hits in six trips including two doubles. McAuley and Harper each checked in with a brace of bingles.

Tonight's floodlight game at Tecumseh Park finds Chatco and Dover Centre making their first appearance of the season. Game time is 8.30 p.m. 22 May 46

Box Score

SHERMANS

	AB	R	H	O	A	E
McAuley, 2b. ..	5	3	2	1	1	1
Harper, c.	5	4	2	12	0	2
B. Harding, 1b.	6	2	4	6	0	0
Yale, 3b., rf. ..	6	0	0	2	1	0
Babcock, ss. ...	5	1	0	2	1	0
Reynolds, rf. ..	2	0	0	0	0	0
Reid, cf.	0	1	0	0	0	0
Hillman, lf.	2	0	0	0	0	0
Sellars, p.	6	1	1	1	1	0
Gray, 2b.	1	0	0	0	0	0
Suitor, 3b.	2	2	0	1	1	1
Mahon, cf.	4	1	1	1	0	0
Bathurst lf.	4	1	1	1	0	0
Totals	48	16	11	27	5	4

LIBBYS

	AB	R	H	O	A	E
Hearn, 3b.	5	0	2	6	3	3
C. Moon, lf. ..	5	0	0	3	0	2
Murray, 2b. ..	1	0	0	0	0	1
B. Alwood, rf. ..	2	0	0	0	0	0
B. McAlorum, cf.	3	1	1	1	0	1
A. Harding, 1b.	5	0	0	7	0	3
Little, c.	1	0	0	2	0	0
Brennan, 3b. ..	3	0	1	3	0	3
Brunton, p.	1	0	0	0	0	0
Barnham, 2b. ..	4	0	0	0	0	1
Dauphin, rf. ..	2	1	0	1	0	0
Browning, c. ...	0	2	0	4	1	0
Verbeem, p. ..	2	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	34	4	4	27	4	14

Shermans 213 142 300—16 11 4
Libbys ... 000 010 030— 4 4 14

Two-base hits—McAuley, Harding 2, Harper, Brennan. Stolen bases—B. Harding, Hearn. Left on bases—Shermans 11, Libbys 12. Hits—Off Brunton 7 in 5 innings; off Verbeem 4 in 4 innings; off Sellars 4 in 9 innings. Bases on balls—Off Brunton 3; off Verbeem 2; off Sellars 8. Struck out—By

night.

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16 PLAYERS

Starting from the plate, Doug Kerr, Whites, and John Colby of Goodison get the nod for the receiving duties . . . That department is well looked after, then who should toe the rubber but Jack Lett of Whites, who has hung up four wins against one defeat this season . . . His mate for hurling chores is to be Jack Seney of Goodisons . . . At least the contest shows signs of supplying the fans with a pitching duel.

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The hard hitting Boomer Harding of Shermans gets the call along with Sherman Brown of Dover Centre for the initial sack and Hope Moon of Whites and Bob Brennan of Libbys will cut capers around the keystone . . . Third base will be guarded by Jack Gow of Whites and Ross Busteed of Shermans and the infield is completed with the short-stop choice of Ross Babcock and Bob Jacobs of Shermans and Chatco respectively.

SHERMANS UP

ART SELLARS GIVES WHITES LITTLE CHANCE IN 5-HITTER

To Whites' supporters it was the biggest upset of the softball season at Tecumseh Park last night, but to the Sherman followers, the club is just hitting its stride in whipping the highly rated club 7-0 in their first playoff meeting.

Art Sellars was the main reason for the blanking handed out by the smooth sailing Sherman club. He was in his best form of the season as he limited the Whites nine to five scattered hits. Whites managed to get a few men on base, but just couldn't hit in the pinches.

While the "fanned list" doesn't soar into the usual Sellars and Lett figures, Sellars showed perfect control throughout the contest while Jack Lett suffered one of those "off nights."

Opening the scoring in the second frame with three runs, the winners were never headed and added singles in the fourth and fifth then completed the scoring in the eighth with a brace of tallies.

Whites committed no less than seven errors in the first game the club has played for over two weeks. The winners made four fumbles.

The large crowd attending this playoff game were treated to some brilliant fielding by Sherman's centre fielder, McKie. He played a big part in holding Whites down in the hitting department.

Russ Fair, with three for four, and Mahon with a pair for four were the big sluggers for the winners. Gow managed to assemble two hits in three appearances for the losers.

The same two clubs meet again in the second game on Monday, while Goodisons and Chatco clash for the second time on Tuesday.

SHERMANS.

	Ab.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Bathurst, 2b ..	4	0	0	2	4	3
McKie, cf	5	1	1	5	0	0
Harding, 1b ...	5	0	1	12	0	0
Yale, lf	5	1	0	0	0	0
Mahon, rf	4	1	2	1	0	0
Coatsworth, c .	4	2	1	5	0	0
Babcock, ss ...	4	0	0	2	3	1
Fair, 3b	4	1	3	0	3	0
Sellars, p	4	1	1	0	3	0
	39	7	9	27	13	4

WHITES.

	Ab.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Kearney, rf ...	4	0	1	0	0	0
White, lf	4	0	1	1	0	2
Leschyshyn, cf	4	0	0	3	0	0
Kerr, c	3	0	0	8	0	0
Bucham, ss	4	0	0	2	5	2
Gow, 3b	3	0	2	1	1	1
Moon, 2b	4	0	1	2	0	1
Carson, 1b	4	0	0	10	1	0
Lett, p	3	0	0	0	3	1
	33	0	5	27	10	7

Innings:				R.	H.	E.
Shermans .	030	110	020—	7	9	4
Whites ...	000	000	000—	0	5	7

Runs batted in—Mahon, Coatsworth, Fair, Sellars. Two-base hits—Mahon 2, Moon, Fair, McKie, Sellars, Gow. Sacrifice hits—Kerr. Stolen bases—McKie. Left on bases—Shermans 6, Whites 9. Bases on balls—Off Sellars 2; off Lett 1. Struck out—By Sellars 3; by Lett 6. Winning pitcher—Sellars. Losing pitcher—Lett. Time of game—1.10. Umpires—Flynn and Peifer. Scorer—Bean.

City Softball League Leaders

Batting — Swainston, Chatco, and B. Harding, Shermans, 461. (10 or more times at bat)

Home Runs—Jacobs, Chatco, 2.

Triples—Dix, Chatco, 1.

Doubles—Swainston, Chatco, 3.

Leading Pitcher—Legue, Chatco, 3-0, 1.000.

Most Runs—Jacobs, Chatco, 8.

Most Hits—Swainston, Chatco, and B. Harding, Shermans, 6.

But getting back to the team itself, Joe Sellars recently withdrew uniforms and handed them out to the outstanding players within reach to a lineup that fairly sparkles. . . . The catching chores will be handled by Pete Doddy and Bill Harper, then comes just about the finest mound pair that could ever be the proud possession of any manager . . . Art Sellars and Yo Legue should give rival sluggers plenty to think about. . . . The batters' chief worry will be to try and get a glance at the ball as it sails over the plate.

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From the fine mound pair we jump over to the first sack which is guarded by the stalwart Boomer Harding. . . . Second sack carries Bert Day and Roy Norris then "Lad" Mikulica rounds out the protection around the keystone by handling shortstop duties. . . . Completing the infield, Carman Dix will handle the "hot" corner then the outfield is left in charge of sluggers such as Reg Swainston, Tom McKie and Don Yale. . . . As added power to the club Joe Sellars packs utility men such as Bill Little, Chuck Hamlin and Teeter for good measure.

IMPRESSIVE VICTORY

ROBBED OF SHUTOUT, SELLARS WHIFFED 16 LIBBY BATTERS

STANDINGS

	W	L	Pct.
Whites	9	2	.818
Chatco	7	2	.777
Shermans	6	5	.545
Dover Centre	5	6	.454
Goodisons	4	6	.400
Libbys	0	10	.000

With Shermans chasing six runs across the plate in a big second frame splurge in the City Softball tilt at Tecumseh Park last night the hopes of the last-place Libby nine to ring up their first win of the season were crushed once again. Shermans came out on top 8-1, just narrowly missing a shutout in the ninth inning.

With Art Sellars pitching and hitting to perfection, the Sherman aggregation stepped a little closer to the league leading Whites and Chatco nines. For eight innings, he kept the Libby baserunners from even getting a glance at home plate, then in the ninth his hopes of cinching a blanking over Libbys was dimmed when he was just one pitch away from his goal.

BIG INNING

The second frame field-day for the winners was launched after Yale flied out to left field. Coatsworth singled then Reynolds stepped into a Verbeem pitch for a three-bagger. McKie took a free pass, then Park advanced the runners on a fielder's choice which was followed by an error to Little.

Sellars clouted a double, Bathurst cashed in on an outfield miscue and a wild throw to home added insult to the Libby injury. Reid snagged a double, then the inning wound up with Babcock going down Faulkner to Harding and Yale popping out. It was a six-run wound inflicted by Shermans.

Sellars kept the four Libby hits well scattered. In two of the innings they started out with singles, but they failed to solve the slants to follow up with bingles.

By the ninth inning, Sellars was all set to strike the second shutout of the season—the first being accounted for by Lett in a game with Dover Centre—but Ken Faulkner tossed a wrench into the machinery. After getting a walk, Faulkner advanced when Hamlin grounded out, then he rounded the sacks on a stolen base and a wild pitch for Libbys' one and only counter. The end came after the next pitch.

HONORS DIVIDED

Charlie Moon and Andy Harding divided the Libby hitting honors, while Coatsworth and Sellars each picked up a brace of bingles for the winners.

Earl Verbeem went five innings for Libbys on the rubber in giving up five hits, before handing over his duties to Bill Brunton, who held the winners to three hits in the remaining frames, but the second inning rally had decided the game in its early stages.

LIBBYS

	AB	R	H	O	A	E
Twigg, rf	3	0	0	0	0	0
Moon, 2b	4	0	2	0	4	1
Faulkner, 3b	3	1	0	1	3	0
Hamlin, cf	4	0	0	0	0	0
Little, c	3	0	0	4	0	1
McAlorum, lf	3	0	0	4	0	2
Brennan, ss	3	0	0	3	2	0
A. Harding, 1b	3	0	2	12	0	0
Verbeem, p	2	0	0	0	0	0
Brunton, p	1	0	0	0	1	0
Dauphin, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Alwood, ph	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	31	1	4	24	10	4

SHERMANS

	AB	R	H	O	A	E
Bathurst, 2b	4	1	0	0	2	0
Reid, lf, rf	4	0	1	0	0	0
Babcock, ss	4	0	0	0	0	0
Yale, 1b, lf	4	0	1	8	0	0
Coatsworth, c	4	2	2	16	0	1
Reynolds, rf	2	1	1	0	0	0
McKie, cf	3	1	1	1	0	0
Park, 3b	2	1	0	0	0	0
Sellars, p	4	1	2	0	3	1
W. Harding, 1b	2	0	0	1	0	1
Fair, 3b	2	1	0	1	0	0
Totals	35	8	8	27	5	3

Alwood batted for Little in 9th.

Libbys	000 000 001	1	4
Shermans	061 001 00x	8	8

Two-base hits, Sellars, Reid; three-base hits, Reynolds, Coatsworth; stolen bases, Faulkner, McKie; left on bases, Libbys 4, Shermans 4; hits—off Verbeem 5 in 5 innings, off Brunton 3 in 3 innings; bases on balls—off Verbeem 1, off Brunton 0, off Sellars 1; struck out—by Verbeem 3, by Brunton 1, by Sellars 16; winning pitcher, Sellars; losing pitcher, Verbeem; time of game 1.15; umpires, Peifer and Ratcliffe; scorer, Bean.

SHERMANS WHIP DOVER

On the scoresheet it was Shermans by a wide margin last night at Tecumseh Park over the visiting Dover Centre nine. The Chatham team triumphed by a 19-5 score to take undisputed hold of third place in the City Softball League and at the same time knock Dover Centre down a notch to a fourth place tie with Goodisons.

It was a tough break for the up and coming Dover club to accept the one-sided defeat. They were right in the game until Shermans collected a big total of eight runs in the sixth frame.

THREE HURLERS

Three Dover hurlers experienced considerable trouble from the Sherman bats during the latter part of the contest. Bob Lundy, Wilf Lundy and Jack all took their turn on the rubber for Dover, but extra base hits proved their downfall. Shermans, however, gave the losers all kinds of support and assistance by marking up eight errors for the Dover cause.

THREE HOMERS

Reynolds, Harding and McKie blasted out homers which had telling effect and Bathurst, Babcock and Sellars added a nice bit of power at the plate to run up the hit total to 16.

After a lull in the City Softball League tonight, Chatco and Whites meet tomorrow night in what should be the brightest game of the season. Friday's game between Goodisons and Libbys is cancelled in favor of the Chatham girls' game with St. Thomas.

STANDINGS.

	Won	Lost	Pc.
Chatco	7	1	.875
Whites	6	2	.750
Shermans	5	4	.555
Dover Centre	4	5	.444
Goodisons	4	5	.444
Libbys	0	9	.000

DOVER CENTRE.

	Ab.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Bennie, 3b, cf	5	0	0	2	0	2
Montgomery, 2b	5	0	2	0	3	0
S. Brown, 1b	5	1	1	8	0	0
B. Lundy, lf, p	5	1	1	2	1	0
W. Lundy, p, 3b	5	0	0	3	1	0
T. Brown, c	4	1	1	7	1	0
L. Urquhart, ss	4	2	1	0	1	1
J. Urquhart, rf	3	0	0	0	0	0
Graham, cf	1	0	0	2	0	0
Jack, p	2	0	1	0	0	0
Strain, lf	1	0	1	0	0	0
	40	5	8	24	7	3

SHERMANS.

	Ab.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Bathurst, 2b	6	1	3	4	1	3
Reid, lf	6	2	1	0	0	0
Babcock, ss	5	2	3	4	3	1
Harding, 1b	5	2	2	8	0	0
Coatsworth, c	5	1	0	7	1	1
McKie, cf	3	3	1	2	1	0
Fair, 3b	2	3	1	1	1	1
Reynolds, rf	5	3	3	1	0	1
Sellars, p	4	2	2	0	3	1
	41	19	16	27	10	8

Innings:				R.	H.	E.
D. Centre	020	200	010—	5	8	3
Shermans	000	608	05x—19	16	8	

Two-base hits — L. Urquhart, Babcock, Sellars, K. Montgomery. Three-base hits—Reynolds. Home runs—Reynolds, Harding, McKie. Stolen bases—Bathurst. Double plays—W. Lundy to S. Brown. Left on bases—Dover Centre 9, Shermans 7. Hits—Off W. Lundy 3 in 3 1-3 innings; off Jack 7 in 2 innings; off B. Lundy 6 in 3 innings. Bases on balls—Off W. Lundy 3; off Sellars 2; off Jack 2; off B. Lundy 4. Struck out—B. W. Lundy 0; by Jack 1; by B. Lundy 3; by Sellars 5. Winning pitcher—Sellars. Losing pitcher—W. Lundy. Time of game—1.50. Umpires—Hinnegan and Peardon.

LEGUE AND SELLARS WAGED STIFF BATTLE; 15 ERRORS

STANDINGS

	W	L	Pct.
Chatco	3	0	1.000
Shermans	2	1	.667
Goodisons	1	1	.500
Dover Centre	0	1	.000
Libbys	0	1	.000
Whites	0	2	.000

It was a great game for Chatco last night at Tecumseh Park. After running along for several innings in what appeared would be a two-way no-hit City Softball League tilt, a five-run splurge in the seventh frame advanced Chatco to undisputed leadership in the league standing when they kept their win record intact in downing Shermans 6-4. It was by far the greatest game of the season to date.

Being the outstanding game of the year, it was marked by the highest attendance. Permanent fans in the stands numbered over the 500 mark and an additional 150 transient spectators strolled along the walk to interrupt the game which was fairly glowing with brilliant playing from the first inning.

Both hurlers were in rare form from the first pitch and the first five innings showed nothing but goose eggs on the score board. Bob Taylor was the only hitter to break the perfect record of both pitchers when he scratched a single off Sellars.

Came the sixth inning. The fans had cause to exercise vocal cords in a hearty manner from this point in. Shermans opened the scoring when Dennis Mahon singled to score Bill Harper and Lloyd Bathurst. Chatcos came back with one run in their half then came the big inning.

Sellars didn't fold, but his mates failed to give him the needed support. Ten batters faced him for five runs. Habas grounded out. Geroux singled, Kiser walked and Legue hit first on an error. Jacobs and Norris got on base on Sherman errors, then Dix came through with a needed single which was followed by bingles by Swainston and Taylor, Habas wound up the big inning by swinging wildly on the third strike.

Errors were committed by both teams and Shermans were the main offenders as they fumbled ten tries. The winners muffed five.

Yo Legue won a great ball game and is still rated as just about the finest hurler in the league. He gave up four hits, walked three and struck out ten as he handed his team its third win. Sellars who was relieved by Pick in the seventh, struck out eight and walked three. Pick fanned one batter.

• BOX SCORE

SHERMANS

	AB	R	H	O	A	E
Bathurst, lf	2	1	0	0	0	0
Suitor, 3b	3	0	0	2	1	3
Babcock, ss	4	0	0	0	1	0
Mahon, cf	4	0	1	1	0	3
B. Harding	4	1	1	9	0	1
Reynolds, rf	3	0	0	0	0	1
Sellars, p	3	0	0	1	3	1
McAuley, 2b	4	0	0	0	1	0
Harper, c	4	1	1	11	3	1
Pick, p	0	0	0	0	1	0
Reid, ph	1	1	1	0	0	0
Totals	37	4	4	24	9	10

CHATCO

	AB	R	H	O	A	E
	3	1	0	2	0	2
	4	1	1	1		

JOE LESCHYSHYN TOPS SLUGGERS IN CITY LOOP

Quite a battle is raging in the City Softball League for batting honors with Joe Leschyshyn, recently switching his hitting prowess over from Goodisons to Whites grabbing top figure six points over Tubby Bathurst of Shermans. Coupling this with Leschyshyn's neat fielding record makes him one of the most valuable players in the league.

Goodisons are probably still wondering why they let him go to the league leaders, but the fifth place club still has Louis Cowan in the upper bracket, and he also leads in the three-bagger department, tied with Lett and Lundy. Mikulica and Stoddart, who heads the field with homers, are other sluggers hitting a good clip.

Charlie Grant of Whites, who received an injury last week, is slapping them out with regularity and is one of the few with over 40 appearances at the plate, but his record will suffer during the next week or so as his injury will force him out of the lineup for some time. The league is planning a benefit game in the near future for Grant and Legue.

The second-place Chatco club boasts Carman Dix in the .388 class and Jacobs appears next for the club with a mark of .352.

The averages compiled by Statistician Charlie Bean include all games with the exception of the postponed Dover Centre-Sherman game played recently.

	AB	H	Pct.
Leschyshyn (W) ..	30	12	.400
Bathurst (S)	38	15	.394
Harper (S)	23	9	.391
L. Cowan (G)	41	16	.390
Dix (C)	36	14	.388
Mikulica (G)	29	11	.379
Hearns (L)	37	13	.378
Stoddart (G)	38	14	.368
Grant (W)	41	15	.367
Yale (S)	33	12	.363
Reid (S)	22	8	.363
Jacobs (C)	34	12	.352
J. Lundy (D.C.)	34	12	.352
W. Harding (S)	43	15	.348
Kerr (W)	49	16	.326
Bucham (W)	45	14	.312
Swainston (C)	42	13	.309
Carson (G)	20	6	.300
Lett (W)	40	12	.300

Key: W, Whites; S, Shermans; G, Goodisons; L, Libbys; C, Chatco; D.C., Dover Centre.

SWAINSTON HITS 4-RUN HOMER AS SHERMANS BITE THE DUST

A first inning circuit clout by Reg Swainston in the opening frame with the bases loaded increased Chatcos lead in the City Softball League to two full games over Shermans, the club the leaders downed at Tecumseh Park last night 10-6 before one of the largest crowds of the season.

Home runs were quite the order of the day. In the Sherman half of the first Murray Williams poled a four bagger with one man on, then in the sixth Art Sellars attempted to win his own game when he stepped into one for a round trip. The sacks were empty at the time.

Shermans have been breathing on Chatco's neck right from the first game of the season and last night when they had the opportunity of resuming the stand on top of the league which they enjoyed for a few short hours last week, they fell down in the pinches.

Although they did outhit the winners and were a cleaner fielding team, Shermans couldn't come through with the needed bingles in the pinch and left 10 men stranded on the bases. With the exception of five men, Chatcos used every base runner to advantage.

After six innings, Shermans tied the game up, but the winners lashed out with a few timely clouts to sew up a victory. One in the seventh and three in the ninth was a trifle too much for the losing nine.

Art Sellars was in his old form on the rubber for Shermans and in giving up 11 hits, he whizzed the third strike past 10 batters. He walked two. Yo Legue hung up his fifth hurling victory for the pace-setting club and now heads all pitchers in the race with five wins against one loss. He fanned nine last night.

Every man on the Sherman lineup came through with at least one safe bingle with Tubby Bathurst, Don Yale and Mikulica all supplying a few extra to run the total up to fourteen. For the winners, Jacobs, Norris, Dix and Legue added fattening totals to their batting average.

Tonight's softball tilt at Tecumseh Park brings together Dover Centre and Libbys at 8.45 p.m.

CHATCO

	AB	R	H	O	A	E
Jacobs, ss	4	2	2	3	2	0
Norris, 2b	4	1	2	1	0	2
Dix, 3b	5	3	3	2	5	0
Swainston, lf	5	2	1	0	0	0
Doddy, c	5	0	1	11	0	0
Geroux, cf	2	0	0	1	0	1
Habas, rf	4	0	0	2	1	0
Kiser, 1b	3	0	0	6	0	1
Legue, p	4	2	2	1	1	0
J. Doddy, cf	3	0	0	0	0	1
Totals	39	10	11	27	9	5

SHERMANS

Bathurst, 2b	5	1	2	1	4	0
Harding, 1b	5	0	1	6	0	0
M William, cf	5	1	1	2	0	0
Yale, lf	5	0	3	0	0	0
Mikulica, 3b	5	1	2	0	0	0
Babcock, ss	5	1	1	2	0	1
Reynolds, rf	3	0	1	2	0	0
Coatsworth, c	4	1	1	12	1	0
Sellars, p	4	1	1	1	1	1
Harper, rf	1	0	1	1	0	0

Home runs, Swainston, Williams, Sellars; sacrifice hits, Norris; stolen base, Dix; double play, Dix to Kiser; left on bases, Chatco 5, Shermans 10; bases on balls —off Legue 0, off Sellars 2; struck out—by Legue 9, by Sellars 10; time of game, 1.25; umpires, Peardon and Peifer; scorer, Bean.

STANDING

	W	L	PCT.
Chatco	6	1	.857
Whites	4	2	.667
Shermans	4	3	.571
Goodisons	3	4	.457
Dover Centre	3	4	.457
Libbys	0	6	.000

SHERMANS

	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Bathurst, 2b ..	6	0	1	0	2	0
Harper, rf	6	1	0	2	0	0
Mahon, cf	3	1	1	0	0	0
Yale, lf	5	3	1	2	0	0
Coatsworth, c	4	1	0	7	0	0
Harding, 1b ..	4	2	3	9	0	0
Fair, 3b	5	1	1	2	4	0
Babcock p, ...	2	0	2	2	3	0
Pick, p	4	0	1	2	0	0
McKie, cf	1	1	1	1	0	0
Totals	40	10	11	27	9	0

GOODISONS

	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Waddel, 1b	4	1	1	10	0	0
Mikulica, ss ..	5	0	1	0	0	1
T. Cowan, lf ..	4	0	2	2	0	1
Williams, cf ..	0	1	0	6	0	1
Colby, c	3	1	0	8	0	1
Busteed, 3b	5	0	1	0	4	2
L. Cowan, rf ..	5	1	1	1	0	0
Fortescue, 2b ..	3	0	0	0	3	1
Toma, p	2	0	0	0	1	1
Seney, p	2	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	33	4	6	27	9	8

Shermans .. 021 120 400—10 11 0
Goodisons .. 000 120 010— 4 6 8

Runs batted in Yale, Fair 3, Babcock 4, T. Cowan, Busteed, L. Cowan 2. Two-base hits, Babcock, McKie. Three-base hits, Mahon. Home runs, L. Cowan. Sacrifice hits, Coatsworth, Harding. Stolen bases, Wadell, Mikulica 2. Left on bases Shermans 10, Goodisons 13. Hits—Off Toma 5 in 4 1-3 innings; off Seney 6 in 4 2-3 innings; off Pick 6 in 9 innings. Bases on balls —Off Toma 1; off Seney 3; off Pick 11. Struck out —By Toma 3; by Seney 3, by Pick 5. Winning pitcher Pick. Losing pitcher Toma. Time of game 1.45. Umpires Peifer and Peardon. Scorer Bean.

GOODISON'S LEAD CUT TO ONE GAME

Sept 27, 1946

Shermans struck back last night at Tecumseh Park and defeated Goodisons in the third game of the City final series by a score of 10-4. By their win Shermans forced the series to a fourth game as Goodisons had taken the first two contests.

George Sherman's team started in the second inning as Don Yale got on base through an error by Mikulica, Goodison's shortstop. Coatsworth fouled to Colby and Harding banged out a single. Russ Fair struck out, but Babcock followed him to the plate smashing a hard double to centre field, Yale and Harding scoring on the play. These first two runs put Shermans in the driver's seat and they added singles in the third and fourth and drove Toma, Goodisons starting hurler from the mound in the fifth inning.

Jack Seney came in to pitch but the winners bashed his offerings for six hits scoring four more runs in the seventh inning. Shermans just slugged the ball and the boys ran the bases in wild style to grab their win.

STANDOUT PERFORMANCE

Bill Pick pitched a standout game for the winners as he held Goodisons to six hits. Bill was wild at times but each time he got himself into a hole he promptly steadied and dug himself out. He was especially brilliant in the seventh inning when he gave up a single and two walks to load the bases with none out. He went to work and forced Busteed to pop to the infield, struck out Lou Cowan and made Fortesque hit into the dirt to ground out.

LEADS ATTACK

"Boomer" Harding led the Sherman attack with three hits and a walk and Babcock collected two hits to drive in four runs. Murray Williams was the most feared batter Bill Pick faced and the big slugger was passed five times in succession.

Once again the fielding stood out in the contest. Russ Fair leaped high into the air in the third inning to rob Busteed of a hit. Bases were loaded at the time and a hit might have proved disastrous to the Sherman nine. Bill Harper took one of Toma's hard fast ones on the head in the fifth inning but it did not harm his fielding as he made two good catches in right field. John Colby stretched "far and wide" to snare a foul tip off Coatsworth's bat in the first inning.

The fourth game in this series will be played under the lights at Tecumseh Park on Monday evening starting at 8:15.

TO GAIN FINALS

PICK HURLS SIX-HIT BALL AS SHERMANS TRIUMPH, 6-4

Grabbing a four run lead in the second inning, Shermans went on to eliminate Whites from the City Softball League playoffs last night at Tecumseh Park, 6-4.

Shermans went into the lead in the second inning, when they scored four runs on five hits including a long home run, with one on base, by Tom McKie. The winners garnered two more in the seventh when Don Yale, Sherman's leading hitter throughout the season, crashed through with a home run. Bum Mahon followed with a triple and scored on Kerr's error.

Whites fought back in the ninth inning when they loaded the bases and Jack Gow came through with a double to score two runs. Another hit brought in two more but Ernie White popped up to end the game.

The game was featured by many fine fielding plays. Jack Gow of Whites robbed Shermans of a hit in the third inning with a sparkling catch of a line drive. Russ Fair, at third base for Shermans, handled seven chances faultlessly at the hot corner, playing a very "heady" game. His teammate, Bum Mahon came through with a sensational catch of a line drive from the bat of Doug Kerr to rob him of a hit in the fourth inning.

Shermans now await the winner of the Chatco-Goodison series for the city finals. These two teams play tonight again with Chatco having won the opener in eleven innings 3-2. This game should be a very close affair and a large crowd is expected to be in attendance.

Box Score

WHITES

	AB	R	H	O	A	E
Kearney, rf. ..	5	0	0	0	0	0
White, lf.	3	0	0	0	0	0
Leschyshyn, cf.	4	1	2	3	0	1
Kerr, c.	4	1	1	11	0	1
Bucham, ss. ...	3	1	0	2	1	0
Gow, 3b.	4	1	2	1	0	0
Moon, 2b.	4	0	1	3	2	0
Carson, 1b.	2	0	0	4	0	0
Lett, p.	4	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	33	4	6	24	4	2

SHERMANS

	AB	R	H	O	A	E
Bathurst, 2b. ..	5	1	1	3	0	0
McKie, cf.	5	1	2	0	0	0
Harding, 1b. ..	5	0	3	7	0	1
Yale, lf.	4	1	3	1	0	0
Mahon, rf.	4	1	2	2	0	0
Coatsworth, c. .	4	1	2	12	0	0
Fair, 3b.	4	0	2	1	7	0
Babcock, ss. ..	3	1	0	1	1	0
Pick, p.	4	0	0	0	0	1
Reynolds, rf. ..	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	38	6	15	27	8	2

Whites .... 000 000 004—4 6 2
Shermans . 040 000 20x—6 15 2

Runs batted in—Kearney, Gow 2, Moon, McKie 2, Yale, Bathurst. Two-base hits—Bathurst, Gow. Three-base hits—Mahon. Home runs—McKie, Yale. Sacrifice hits—White. Stolen bases — Coatsworth. Double plays—Fair to Harding. Left on bases—Whites 5, Shermans 9. Bases on balls—Off Lett 1, off Pick 4. Struck out —By Lett 9, by Pick 8. Winning pitcher—Pick. Losing pitcher—Lett. Time of game—1:20. Umpires—Peifer and Hinnegan. Scorer—Bean.

Chatham Daily News

SPORTS

CHATHAM, ONT., FRIDAY, SEPT. 20, 1946.

SPORTS REVIEW

By Matt Dennis

SOCCER TILT

On the soccer field at Tecumseh Park, tomorrow afternoon Ontario Steel Soccer Club will take on Canadian Legion in an important contest. By winning this game, the Legion team will be tied with the Mitchell's Bay crew for second place in the standings, three points behind the undefeated Spurs. High scoring is looked for in this coming contest as both teams have garnered a few goals in their recent games and are now ready to break out with a scoring barrage. We look for Johnny Skolnick and Bill Harding to show some fast form up front for Charlie Cook's team but they will have their hands full holding Mike O'Hara and Vic Jewiss of the Simpson coached aggregation off the score sheet.

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Soccer has become a very popular sport around this section of the country in the past year and the future holds more for the game. Chatham can boast of one of the best soccer set-ups in the province. Here the young lads start their soccer playing in public school; not as just a game to kick a ball around during recess of regular teams, playing league rules under the supervision of qualified supervisors. The soccer schedule for the public schools starts the first week of October and for a month these soccer stars of tomorrow will play out a schedule preparatory to declaring a public school champion of the city. Yes, soccer is a mighty important sport in the fair Maple City.

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It is reported that Joe Louis picked up $103,611.89 for his two-minute-nine-second job on Wednesday evening. Tami Mauriello, the unsuccessful challenger, collected $38,954 for his trouble . . . All right, how many would stay in the ring with the world's champ for that kind of money?

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Fred Hipkins will be back in the thick of girls' basektball this fall as he takes up where he left off last spring with the Park Street United club The popular coach has been very successful the past couple of seasons with this club and he already is looking ahead with that "championship" gleam in his eye.

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HOCKEY PROSPECTS

Ice Chips . . . It is reported that Keith Woodall, starry goaltender for Kitchener Greenshirts of last season will be located in Toronto battling with "Red" Gilbert for first string goal position with Staffords, Toronto entry in the Senior O.H.A. . . . The Galt Red Wings are now in Windsor training with the parent club, Detroit, in preparation for the coming Junior O.H.A. season . . . Billy Adamo, popular forward with the Galt entry for the past three seasons, has accepted an offer to play in the Pacific Coast League this coming winter.

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Even though the circus was in town Wednesday, it did not stop our local footballers from the game. Coach Johnny Bolton arranged an interesting chalk talk and lecture at the Centre . . . It would take more than a circus to dampen the enthusiasm of the boys who will sport Chatham colors in the Junior O.R.F.U. this fall.

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There are many ways of building a football squad . . . It is reported that a university in Virginia announces that it has a fund of $23,000 to be used to provide "athletic scholarships" for folk who are expert football players . . See fellows, there are lots of ways of getting a college education.

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BIG CROWD

Softball Pickups from Tecumseh Park . . . With such fine weather, a large crowd attended last night's playoff game taken by the Goodison nine in the first of a best-of-five series, 11-5 . . . "Boomer" Harding made a brilliant running catch at the edge of the crowd to rob Mikulica, Goodison star shortstop of a hit in the fourth . . . Thought the Sherman outfield were plenty off their game . . . Maybe that long layoff was no good . . . Sorry to see Bill Pick leave the ball game . . . It was no fault of his that Goodisons scored those runs as shown by the "error" column . . . Sherman infield pulled a snappy double play in the second inning when they ran down Waddell between first and second and then caught Jack Seney with a quick throw at third . . . "Bum" Mahon provided the field play of the night when he reached high at the edge of the crowd in right field to catch Waddell's bid for a hit . . . Look for Art Sellars to be on the mound tossing them up for Shermans

SOFTBALL
CDN. FRI. Sept 29/1946

GOODISONS WIN FIRST GAME IN CITY S(

SHERMAN'S TROUNCED 11 TO 5; SECOND GAME MONDAY NIGHT

Goodisons drew first blood in the City Softball League finals as they trounced Shermans 11-5, at Tecumseh Park last night. This was the first game in a best of five series.

After spotting Shermans one run in the first inning, Goodisons come to life and scored two runs in their half and from there on were never headed.

Tom McKie singled to centre for Shermans in the first inning and when Williams let the ball get away he ran to second. Fortescue then erred on Harding's ground ball and McKie scored.

Mikulica singled in the last of the first and scored when Stoddard crashed a hit to centre field that McKie let through him and Stoddard circled the bases.

Goodisons added two more in the second when Busteed walked and Fortescue, Seney and Waddel each banged out a single. Shermans added another in the fifth on a double by Fair and two infield hits by Pick and McKie. Goodisons sewed the game up in the last half of the inning as they batted in four runs. Stoddard singled through centre and when McKie booted the ball in the outfield, "Rosey" ran to third and scored a minute later on a passed ball. Murray Williams doubled and scored as Colby singled. Busteed followed with a mighty clout to left field and when the Sherman outfield made their third error Busteed scored.

Shermans struck back in the sixth as "Bum" Mahon hit a double down the right field foul line into the crowd. Coatsworth the Goodison first baseman drop-attempted to sacrifice and when ped the ball, Mahon raced home and Coatsworth ended up on second. Fair drew a base on balls and when relief hurler Suitor singled, Coatsworth scored. McKie was given a life as "Woody" Fortescue fumbled his grounder and Fair crossed the plate with Shermans third run of the inning.

John Colby, Goodison catcher singled to bring in Stoddard and as the Sherman outfield fell apart he also scored to make the score 10-5. In the eight for Goodisons, Murray Williams who continued his fine play at bat and in the field, doubled and scored as Colby came through with a [illegible] for the final run of the game.

The game itself was very wisely played which is not unusual for the first contest in a final championship series. Bill Pick and Oz Suitor toiled on the mound for the Sherman crew giving up fourteen hits between them. Jack Seney allowed ten hits but kept them well scattered and fielded his pos. flawlessly.

The league officials advise that the second game in this best of five series will be played Monday evening on the Tecumseh Diamond.

Box Score

SHERMANS

	AB	R	H	O	A	E
Bathurst, 2b.	5	0	1	2	3	2
McKie, cf	4	1	2	0	1	2
Harding, 1b.	5	0	0	5	1	0
Yale, lf	5	0	1	0	1	0
Mahon, rf, ct.	4	1	1	1	0	1
Coatsworth, c.	4	1	0	10	0	0
Fair 3b.	3	1	2	3	2	1
Babcock, ss.	4	1	0	2	2	1
Pick p.	2	0	1	0	0	1
Reynolds, rf	1	0	1	0	0	0
Suitor p.	2	0	1	1	0	0
Totals	39	5	10	24	10	8

GOODISONS

	AB	R	H	O	A	E
Waddel, 1b.	4	0	2	8	0	1
Mikulica, ss.	4	1	2	2	2	0
Stoddart, lf	5	3	2	0	0	0
Williams, cf	4	3	2	3	0	1
Clby, c.	4	1	3	9	1	0
Busteed, 3b.	3	2	1	1	3	1
L. Cowan, rf	4	0	0	1	0	0
Fortescue, 2b.	4	1	1	2	1	2
Seney, p.	5	0	2	1	2	0
Totals	37	11	15	27	9	5

Shermans. 100 013 000— 5 10 8
Goodisons. 220 042 01x—11 15 5

Two-base hits Fair, Williams 2, Mahon; Three-base hits Busteed; Sacrifice hits Coatsworth, Fortescue; Double plays McKie to Bathurst to Harding to Coatsworth. Left on bases Shermans 9, Goodisons 8; Hits—Off Pick 7 in 4 innings (none out in 5th), Off Suitor 8 in 4 innings; off Seney 10 in 9 innings. Bases on balls Off Pick 3; Off Suitor 3; Off Seney 2. Struck out—By Pick 2; By Suitor 5; By Seney 5. Winning pitcher Seney. Losing pitcher Pick. Time of game 1.35. Umpires Peardon and Peifer; Scorer Dean.

PICK HURLS SHERMAN WIN OVER CENTRE

	W.	L.	Pct.
Chatco	12	4	.750
Whites	11	5	.687
Shermans	8	7	.533
Goodisons	7	7	.500
Dover Centre	6	9	.400
Libbys	1	13	.078

Dover Centre's playoff chances were dashed to the ground last nuight when Shermans grabbed a firm hold on a playoff berth in the City Softball League by handing out a 7-2 trounding at Tecumseh Park.

Bill Pick ushered the Sherman nine into the city championship round when he tossed a 3-hitter for the victory. His fine effort on the mound yielded only two hits in the opening frame, when Dover Centre tallied two runs, and a third bingle in the eighth.

The winners marked up two runs in the second, four in the fifth and one in the eighth, as they nicked Jack for 13 safeties.

The Sherman bats echoed for extra bases and several sluggers were potent at the plate. Yale with three for four, Bathurst, Suitor and Harding all came through with timely blows.

Sherman Brown was forced to leave the game after sustaining an injury at first and Umpire Peifer was on the verge of taking his "exit" when he "received" a fast ball in the solar plexus.

The last scheduled game will be played at Tecumseh Park tomorrow night between Goodisons and Libbys.

SHERMANS

	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Bathurst, 2b	5	0	2	2	1	0
Fair, 3b	4	1	1	0	4	0
Suitor, ss	5	1	2	1	5	1
Mahon, rf	5	0	0	0	0	0
Yale, cf	4	2	3	4	0	1
Reynolds, lf	2	2	0	0	0	0
Coatsworth, c	4	1	1	4	0	0
Harding, 1b	4	0	2	15	0	0
Pick, p	4	1	1	1	3	0
McKie, lf	1	1	1	0	0	0
Totals	38	7	13	27	13	2

DOVER CENTRE

	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Bennie, lf	4	1	1	3	0	0
S. Brown, 1b	2	1	0	5	0	0
Chinnick, c	3	0	0	7	2	0
W. Lundy, 3b	4	0	1	3	1	1
J. Lundy, cf	4	0	1	3	0	0
J. Urquhart, rf	4	0	4	2	0	0
K. Montg'y 2b	2	0	0	1	2	0
G. Montgg'y, ss	3	0	0	1	0	1
Jack, p	2	0	0	0	1	0
T. Brown, 1b	1	0	0	2	0	0
L. Urquhart, 2b	1	0	0	0	1	0
xB. Lundy, ph	1	0	0	0	0	0
xxRoe, ph	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	32	2	3	27	7	2

xB. Lundy batted for G. Montgomery in 9th.

xxRoe batted for Jack in 9th.

Shermans ... 020 040 010—7 13 2

D. Centre ....200 000 000—2 3 2

Runs batted in Mahon, Yale 3, Bathurst, Harding, W. Lundy 2. Two-base hits, Harding 2, Yale, McKie, J. Lundy. Three-base hits Yale. Home runs, Yale. Sacrifice hits, Fair. Left on bases Shermans 5, Dover Centre 8. Bases on balls —Off Pick 5; off Jack 1. Struck out—By Pick 3; by Jack 6. Winning pitcher Pick. Losing pitcher Jack. Time of game 1.25. Umpires Peifer and Flynn. Scorer Bean.

Sept 28, 1946

SPORTS REVIE

Three games have now been in the City Softball League finals, and Goodisons lead the best-of-five series, two games to one. The three games so far have had everything the average fan would ask for in a playoff set. . . Good pitching as shown by the performances of Jack Seney and Bill Pick. . . . Heavy hitting by Murray Williams and "Boomer" Harding. . . . Snappy fielding by Russ Fair nad "Woody" Fortescue. . . . Fine outfield plays by Murray Williams and Don Yale. . . . Yes, it has been a great series so far, and Monday night's game should be a beauty.

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VETS CABS DROP SOFTBALL TILT TO MERCHANTS

May 31, 1947

Merchants	2	0	1.000
Vet Cabs	0	1	.000
Chatco	0	1	.000
Scots	0	0	.000

Ross Busteed's Merchants came across with an eight-run outburst in the seventh and eight innings last night to beat a battling Vets' Cabs outfit by a 14-11 score in a City League Softball tilt at Tecumseh Park last night.

Vets provided a surprise to the fans and braved the chilly weather when they presented Jack Seney, who hurled last year's Goodisons to the championship on the mound. The popular young hurler stepped into the game without even as much as a warmup this season and tired in the last innings when he was relieved by Bill Pick.

Merchants came through when the chips were down and the two Chatham Shermans' baseball stars, Murray Williams and Bum Mahon were the big hitters with two doubles each. Boomer Harding blasted the longest ball for the losers a triple.

Jack Lett was aided by his mates in the pinches to win his second decision in as many games.

VETS PREMIERE

The game was the first appearance of the new Veterans' Cabs outfit and they look as if they will be a powerful club with a trifle more experience . . . Their new sweaters are of "crowd appeal" with a white body and red shoulders . . . Chuck Gibson who has tossed in some fine fights as a member of the Taylor A.C. played short and turned in a good effort . . . Boomer Harding on first was reaching for the ball in the field and swinging when at bat . . . Bob Waddell will join Seney, the two Cowans and Fortescue as members of the "Goodison Alumni." Bob played hardball in the afternoon for Jumbos as they defeated Kent Bridge and then was out with the softball crew last night.

VETS CABS

	AB	R	H	O	A	E
Gibson, ss.	5	2	1	0	7	1
Waddel, lf.	3	0	0	1	0	0
T. Cowan, c.	4	2	1	4	1	0
Harding, 1b.	5	2	2	13	1	1
L. Cowan, cf.	4	0	1	1	0	0
Simmons, rf.	2	0	0	0	0	0
Fortescue, 2b.	5	0	0	3	3	0
J. Gow, 3b.	4	2	1	1	1	0
Seney, p.	3	1	1	0	2	1
Eross rf.	4	2	2	1	0	0
Pick, p.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	39	11	9	24	15	4

MERCHANTS

	AB	R	H	O	A	E
Schram, 2b.-c.	5	0	0	4	1	1
Les'hyn, rf.-cf.	5	2	1	3	0	1
Mikulicu, ss.	5	4	2	1	1	1
Williams, cf.-2b.	4	3	2	2	1	0
Mahon, 1b.	4	2	3	8	0	0
Yale, lf.	4	2	0	3	0	1
Busteed, 3b.	5	0	2	2	2	1
Day, c.	0	0	0	3	0	0
Lett, p.	4	0	2	1	0	1
Reynolds, rf.	5	1	1	0	1	0
Totals	41	14	13	27	6	6

Vet Cabs	150	221	000—11	9	4
Merchants	022	020	35x—14	13	6

Two-base hits—T. Cowan, Seney, Williams 2, Mahon 2.—Three-base hits—Harding.—Sacrifice hits—Seney. Left on bases—Vet Cabs 8. Merchants 10.—Hits—Off Seney 13 in 7 1-3 innings; off Pick 0 in 2-3 innings; off Lett 9 in 9 innings. Bases on balls—Off Seney 3; off Pick 3; off Lett 6. Struck out—By Seney 4, by Pick 0; by Lett 6. Winning pitcher—Lett. Losing pitcher—Seney. Time of game—1.40. Umpires—Flynn, Sherman and Peardon. Scorer—Bean.

TWO RALLIES SINK CABS, 12-10, IN BALL TILT

CITY LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.
Merchants	5	0	1.000
Chatco	2	3	.400
Vet Cabs	1	2	.333
Scots	1	4	.200

Chatco spotted Veterans' Cabs three runs in the opening inning but came back with two big innings to take the game 12-10 in City Softball League action at Tecumseh Park last night. By the victory Chatco passed the Cabbies in the standings and took over second place.

Combing the offerings of Eros and Seney for 16 hits with Merle Murray having a four-for-five night and Bathurst following with three. Chatco were good in the pinches and turned in some smart fielding plays. Highlight play of the night was Bob Jacobs one hand stab of a great throw by Carm Dix to force a runner at third in the early innings.

Boomer Harding was big hitter for the losers with a perfect four-for-four night with Tommy Cowan grabbing off three, two being home run clouts.

Rosy Stoddart and Boomer Harding took the spotlight with a run in after a play at first base. Stoddart believed in really sending the opposing infielders over the hoops but this kind of action did not draw much favor from the crowd in attendance. Scufle was ended with no serious damage.

VET CABS

	AB	R	H	O	A	E
Gibson, ss	4	1	1	1	2	2
McDonald, 2b	5	2	1	1	0	2
T. Cowan, cf	4	4	3	0	1	0
Harding, 1b	4	3	4	10	0	0
Parnaby, lf	4	0	0	0	0	0
L. Cowan, 3b	5	0	1	2	3	0
Trudeau, c	5	0	2	8	0	1
Eros, rf p	3	0	0	1	0	0
Seney, p rf	5	0	0	1	3	

June 25, 1947

HURLER TOSSES FIRST WIN, 7-5

CITY LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pct.
Merchants	6	1	.857
Chatco	3	3	.500
Scots	2	4	.333
Vet Cabs	1	4	.200

George Toma stepped out of the coaching role to the mound last night at Tecumseh Park and held Vets' Cabs to seven hits as Merchants went on to take their sixth win of the season 7-5. Hurling his first complete game in years, the veteran moundsman turned in a steady performance spacing his hits for the win.

Russ Fair led the winners with three hits with Laddie Mikulica, Joe Leschyshyn and Howard notching two apiece. Don Yale also clouted a homer.

Boomer Harding and Bob Waddell paced the losers with two hits each while the latter handled 11 chances at the initial sack without an error. Both boys batted out doubles in the losing cause, while Chuck Gibson at short turned in a smart unassisted double play.

Chatco meet Vets' Cabs in the next game on the schedule Monday night at 8:45.

VET CABS

	AB	R	H	O	A	E
Gibson, 2b.	3	1	0	3	1	1
McDonald, lf.	5	1	1	0	0	0
Parnaby, cf.	4	0	0	2	0	0
Harding, rf.	4	1	2	1	0	0
Waddel, 1b.	4	1	2	11	0	0
Scott, ss.	4	1	1	1	3	0
L. Cowan, 3b.	3	0	0	1	4	1
Trudeau, c.	3	0	1	5	0	1
Eros, p.	2	0	0	0	3	0
T. Cowan, p.h.	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	33	5	7	24	11	3

MERCHANTS

	AB	R	H	O	A	E
Fair, 2b.	5	1	3	3	1	1
Kerr, c.	5	0	0	5	2	0
Mikulica, ss.	5	0	2	3	0	0
Yale, lf.	3	1	1	2	0	0
Busteed, 3b.	4	1	1	3	5	2
Carson, 1b.	4	0	0	8	2	1
Leschyshyn, cf.	4	3	2	2	0	0
Howard, rf.	4	1	2	0	0	1
Toma, p.	4	0	0	1	1	0
Totals	38	7	11	27	11	5

T. Cowan batted for Eros in 9th.

Vet Cabs	012	001	100	—5 7 3
Merchants	100	230	10x	—7 11 5

Twobase hits—Harding, Waddel, Loschyshyn, Howard, Mikulica. Home run—Yale. Sacrifice hit—L. Cowan. Stolen bases—Gibson, McDonald, Parnaby. Double plays—Kerr to Carson to Kerr; Busteed to Carson; Gibson (unassisted). Left on bases—Vet Cabs 6, Merchants 8. Bases on balls—Off Eros 1; off Toma 4. Struck out—By Eros 4; by Toma 3. Time of game—1:20. Umpires—Depew and Doan. Scorer—Bean.

VETS' CABS WIN OVER SCOTS 10-1 IN CITY BALL TILT

July 9, 1947

CITY LEAGUE

Merchants	7	2	.777
Chatco	6	3	.667
Scots	2	7	.222
Vet Cabs	2	5	.285

Veterans' Cabs wasted little time in jumping into the scoring column last night in the City Softball League game at Tecumseh Park as they shoved four markers across in the opening frame to carry through and take the decision, 10-1. By the win, Cabbies vacated the cellar berth taking over third spot in the standing.

Wes Robertson started on the mound for the losers but was rapped for six runs in two frames and Toma took over hurling duties.

Tempers caused a minor flare-up in the last inning when "Trot" Trotechard came into Bill Little at home plate and the big catcher stepped back into him. Umpires broke the run-in up without any damage.

Game was late in starting as a couple of the Vets' Cabs aggregation were out playing baseball in the Kent County Baseball League and were unable to make Tecumseh Park at the regular scheduled starting time.

Scots meet Merchants in the next City League game Friday night.

VET CABS

	AB	R	H	O	A	E
McDonald, 2b	5	1	3	3	0	0
Parnaby, lf	5	2	2	2	0	0
T. Cowan, cf	4	3	3	0	0	0
Harding, 1b	4	2	3	7	0	1
Trotechard, ss	5	0	1	2	2	0
L. Cowan, 3b	4	1	1	1	5	1
Waddell, rf	4	0	1	2	0	0
Launder, c	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trudell, c	4	0	0	9	1	0
Pick, p	4	1	1	1	1	0
Totals	39	10	15	27	9	2

SCOTS

	AB	R	H	O	A	E
Harper, c, 2b	2	0	0	2	0	1
Habas, cf	3	0	0	1	0	0
Hearns, 3b	4	0	0	2	4	1
Bucham, lf	4	0	0	2	0	0
Norris, 2b	1	0	0	0	1	0
Babcock, ss	4	0	0	3	1	0
Carrey, rf, 2b	4	1	1	1	0	2
Murray, 1b	3	0	0	4	0	1
Robertson, p	1	0	1	0	0	1
Toma, p	2	0	0	0	2	0
Little, c	3	0	2	10	0	0
Moon, rf	2	0	1	1	0	0
Totals	33	1	5	27	8	6

Vets Cabs, 420 000 013—10 15 2
Scots, 000 000 000—1 5 6

Two-base hits T. Cowan 2, Harding, Carrey; Home runs Pick; Sacrifice hits L. Cowan, Waddel, Trudell; Stolen bases McDonald, Trotechurd; Left on bases Vet Cabs 7; Scots 6; Hits—Off Robertson 7 in 2 innings; off Toma 8 in 7 innings; off Pick 5 in 9 innings; Bases on balls—Off Robertson 0; Off Toma 2; Off Pick 1; Struck out—By Robertson 2; By Toma 7; By Pick 9; Winning pitcher Pick; Losing pitcher Robertson; Time of game 1:25; Umpires Depew and Flynn; Scorer Bean.

CHATCO SWATSMITHS IN TOP SPOT YO LEGUE LOOP'S BEST HURLER

Batting

	AB	R	H	E
J. Doddy, (C)	64	28	32	.500
Urquhart, (KC) ..	8	3	4	.500
Coatsworth, (CIO)	4	1	2	.500
Hobson, (CK)	2	0	1	.500
P. Doddy, (C)	77	29	36	.467
Selby, (CK)	48	15	22	.458
Glennie, (C)	48	20	22	.458
Howe, (CK)	35	13	16	.457
McLeod, (CIO) ..	51	12	26	.456
Habas, (C)	66	27	30	.454
Mahon, (VC)	66	25	29	.439
W. Harding, (CK)	41	16	17	.414
Swainston, (C) ..	58	17	24	.413
Zybura, (CK)	58	13	24	.413
Milburn, (CK) ..	34	11	14	.411
Hearns, (VC)	62	19	25	.403
Brooks, (CK)....	10	3	4	.400
A. Harding, (CK)	5	3	2	.400
Moon, (CK)	52	12	20	.384
J. Toma, (CIO) ..	39	6	15	.384
White, (C)	13	5	5	.384
Eros (CK)	21	5	8	.380
Mikulica, (VC) ..	67	28	25	.373
Browning, (CK) ..	27	9	10	.370
Trotechard, (C) ..	41	15	15	.365
Krieger, (KC) ..	52	11	19	.365
McDonald, (VC)	56	18	20	.357
Buckles, (CK) ..	40	7	14	.350
E. Legue, (C)	32	8	11	.343
Trudeau, (KC) ..	60	21	20	.333
Hackett, (C)	33	7	11	.333
Sloan, (CK)	9	3	3	.333
Suitor, (CK)	6	1	2	.333
Insole, (CK)	6	0	2	.333
Scane, (CK)	6	1	2	.333
Kiser, (CK)	6	0	2	.333
Fenton, (VC)	3	4	1	.333
Warren, (CIO) ..	31	10	10	.322
Pick, (VC)	35	10	11	.314
Andison, (CIO) ..	53	12	16	.301
Barron, (KC)	70	14	21	.300
Hall, (C)	47	14	14	.297
Carson, (VC)	37	10	11	.297
Lett, (VC)	27	8	8	.296
Cooper, (CK)	31	5	9	.290
Colby, (VC)	46	6	13	.282
Leschyshyn, (C) ..	35	14	10	.285
J. Lane, (CIO) ..	47	9	13	.276
Campbell, (CIO)	22	5	6	.272
L. Cowan, (VC) ..	59	19	16	.271
T. Cowan, (VC) ..	45	21	11	.266
Hinnegan, (KC) ..	50	16	13	.260
Allin, (KC)	23	5	6	.260
Little (VC)	31	10	8	.258
Cook (CIO)	44	4	11	.250
J. Gow, (C)	4	1	1	.250
Corriveau, (KC)	65	16	16	.246
F Maynard, (CIO)	25	2	6	.240
Cumming, (CK)	13	2	3	.230
T. Toma, (KC) ..	61	14	17	.226
Merritt, (KC)	63	14	14	.222
McMahon, (KC)	63	13	14	.222
Crosby, (CK)	38	6	8	.222
Ladd, (CK)	18	3	4	.222
Reaume, (KC) ..	34	8	7	.205
Lacina, (CIO) ..	34	3	7	.205
Seney, (C)	49	9	10	.204
Craven, (CK)	10	0	2	.200
Provost, (CIO) ..	10	0	2	.200
Wimpress, (C) ..	48	15	9	.187
Murray, (C)	32	9	6	.187
Yale, (VC)	54	15	10	.185
Bushmeyer, (CIO)	49	2	9	.183
Sellars, (CK)	12	2	2	.166
G. Lane, (CIO) ..	12	2	2	.166
Day, (VC)	24	5	4	.160
Cadotte, (KC) ..	19	3	3	.157
Russel, (CK)	7	1	1	.142
Fenton, (CK)	7	4	1	.142
Wildgen, (KC) ..	30	9	4	.133
C. Maynard, (CIO)	27	4	3	.111
Hoskins, (CIO) ..	28	5	3	.107
Kelley, (CIO)	14	0	1	.071
Meyers, (C)	0	0	0	.000
Schram, (CIO) ..	0	0	0	.000
Hoskins, (CK) ..	1	0	0	.000
Webber, (CIO) ..	1	0	0	.000
Twigg, (CIO)	1	0	0	.000
Chepeka, (CIO) ..	1	0	0	.000
Coles, (CIO)	1	0	0	.000
Kelley, (CK)	1	0	0	.000
Gibson, (VC)	1	1	0	.000
J. Legue, (C)	1	1	0	.000
Ellis, (CK)	2	0	0	.000
Moyer, (CIO)	2	0	0	.000
Robertson, (CK)	2	0	0	.000
R. Day, (CK)	2	0	0	.000
Godin, (KC)	3	0	0	.000
Rivard, (VC)	4	1	0	.000
Harper, (VC)	3	0	0	.000
Hopkins, (CK) ..	5	0	0	.000
B. Lane, (CK) ..	6	1	0	.000
Powers, (CK)	6	0	0	.000

UAW-CIO NINE FALLS IN NINTH

	W	L	Pct.
Vets' Cabs	9	2	.818
Chatco	8	2	.800
K. of C.	5	6	.454
Checker Cab	2	7	.284
U. A. W.-C. I. O	1	8	.111

Hurler Bob Buckles of the Checker Cab softball nine, won his ball game last night at Athletic Park as he doubled in the last half of the ninth inning to send Windy Crosbie across the plate with the winning marker, edging U.A.W.-C.I.O. 10-9 in City League contest.

Game had been a loosely-played affair with both teams showing a likeness to the hurling, lofting hits to all fields.

The youthful U.A.W. - C.I.O. crew with Max Coatsworth in charge battled all the way and only for a bad fifth inning, when the Drivers ran wild to score seven runs, would have been favored to win out.

Windy Crosbie was first batter up in last of ninth and he lifted high fly to right field. Fred Maynard went after it but slipped on the wet grass and ball dropped for a two-base knock. Bob Buckles then came in and lifted Bill McLeods first pitch for a double to send the winning run in and end the ball game.

For the winners, Pete Browning was top hitter with three hits, while Pete Selby contributed a double and a nome run with Boomer Harding turning in a standout effort at first base.

The whole U.A.W. - C.I.O. nine gave a strong performance with McLeod clouting a home run and Cook and Warren crashing out triples.

UAW-CIO

	AB	R	H	O	A	E
Campbell, lf. ..	4	1	0	1	0	0
McLeod, cf.-p.	5	2	2	1	2	1
Warren, c.	5	2	2	12	1	0
Cook, 1b.	5	1	2	3	0	1
Andison, ss. ..	5	1	2	3	1	0
F. Maynard, rf.	5	0	2	1	0	0
Lane, 3b.	5	0	0	0	0	0
Buschme'er, 2b	4	1	1	2	1	0
Toma, p.-cf. ..	4	1	1	1	2	0
Totals	42	9	12	24	7	2

CHECKER

Zybura, c.	4	0	1	8	0	0
Harding, 1b. ..	5	2	2	14	0	0
Selby, 2b.	3	2	2	1	1	1
Browning, ss.	5	1	3	2	3	1
Crosbie, 3b. ..	5	2	2	1	3	2
Buckles, lf.	5	1	2	0	0	0
Milburn, cf. ..	4	0	1	1	0	1
Howe, rf.	4	2	2	0	0	0
Eros, p.	2	0	1	0	5	0
Cooper, lf.	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	38	10	16	27	12	5

UAW-CIO	200	100	330—	9	12	2
Checker .	200	070	001—10	16	5	

Two-base hits—Andison, Zybura, Harding, Selby, Crosbie, Buckles, Howe. Three-base hits—Cook, Warren. Home runs—McLeod, Selby. Stolen bases—Browning 2. Double plays—Zybura to Selby. Left on bases—Checker 8, UAW-CIO 8. Hits—Off Toma 14 in 4 2-3 innings, 2 out in 5th; Off McLeod 2 in 4 1-3 innings; Off Eros 6 in 6 innings; Off Buckles 6 in 3 innings. Bases on balls—Off McLeod 5; Off Muckles 4. Struck out—By Eros 2; By Buckles 4; By Toma 3; By McLeod 2. Wild pitches—Eros 1. Passed balls—Warren. Winning pitcher—Buckles. Losing pitcher—McLeod. Time of game—1 hour 20 minutes. Umpires—Flynn and Montague. Scorer—Matt Dennis.

VET CABS WIN WILD GAME, 17-6

CITY LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.
Merchants	4	0	1.000
Vet Cabs	1	1	.500
Scots	0	2	.000
Chatco	0	2	.000

Veterans' Cabs took Scots in a wild and woolly softball tilt in the City League last night by a 17-6 score. By the win Vets took over second place in the standings behind the league-leading merchants.

Cabs tallied the most runs while Scots won out in the error column with 15 and at times it was a and first bases for spectators as wild heaves hit the stands and fans.

Eros started on the mound for the Cabbies for his initial debut in the League and turned in a strong effort until the sixth when Jack Seney came through to relieve him and the former was credited with the win.

Tommy Cowan and Chuck Gibson clouted two-baggers for the winners with Bucham grabbing the lone extra-base knock for the Litle-coached squad.

Veterans' meet Merchants in the next game at Tecumseh Park on Friday night.

VET CABS

	AB	R	H	O	A	E
Gibson ss	6	2	3	0	3	2
McDonald, 2b.	6	1	0	2	2	1
T. Cowan, cf	6	1	2	2	1	0
Harding, 1b	4	2	0	11	0	1
Parnaby, lf	6	3	1	0	0	0
Trudeau, c	5	3	0	7	3	0
Gow, 3b	5	1	1	0	0	0
L. Cowan, rf	6	3	3	2	0	1
Eros, p	2	0	0	1	0	0
Seney, p	3	1	1	2	1	0
Totals	49	17	11	27	10	5

SCOTS

	AB	R	H	O	A	E
Harper, cf	5	0	0	1	0	0
Hamlin, rf	3	0	1	3	0	0
Teeter, 3b	2	0	0	1	0	3
Little B., c	4	2	1	9	0	1
Moon, 2b	4	1	2	1	0	2
Bucham, lf-3b	3	1	1	1	0	3
Little D., 1b	3	0	1	6	0	1
Carey, ss	3	1	1	4	0	2
Toma, p	2	0	1	1	1	0
Robertson, p	2	0	0	0	4	0
Habas, rf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Reid, 3b-lf	3	1	1	0	0	3
Totals	36	6	9	27	5	15

Vets ..... 022 031 360—17 11 5
Scots .... 001 003 020— 6 9 15

Two-base hits, T. Cowan, Gibson, Bucham. Sacrifice hits, Harding. Stolen bases Trudeau. Double Plays, T. Cowan to Harding.. Hits —Off Eros 7 in 5 1-3 innings; off Seney 2 in 3 2-3 innings; off Toma 2 in 5 innings. Hits —Off Robertson 9 in 4 innings. Bases on balls Robertson 1, Seney 3, Toma 3. —Off Eros 1. Struck out —By Eros 4; by Seney 3; by Toma 4; by Robertson 4. Winning pitcher Eros. Losing pitcher Toma. Time of game 1.35. Umpires Foy and Alway. Scorer Bean.

SCOTS EDGE VETS' CABS, 9-8, IN CLOSE TILT

CITY LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pct.
Merchants	5	1	.833
Chatco	3	3	.500
Scots	2	4	.333
Vet Cabs	1	3	.250

Scots held off last innings scoring thrust by the Vets' Cabs nine last night at Tecumseh Park to take the City Softball League game by a 9-8 score. An inspired Cab squad counted 2 runs in the eighth and had the tieing run on base in the ninth when the game ended.

Both teams scored in the opening session but Scots came through with three in the third and looked to be on their way before the losers staged their late rallies.

Toma hurled the game for Scots but was in trouble and the boys had to fashion some nifty fielding behind him to stay in the game. Bucham continued his fine hitting, clouting three hits while Chuck Hearns clouted a long triple and turned in a fielding highlight when he raced in fast to snare an attempted bunt with one hand.

Bill Pick hurled for the losers and was touched for 15 hits while Parnaby, Eros and Boomer Harding with a homer led the hitting attack.

Umpire Doan drew the ire of the Scots team when he overruled the base umpire on a close play at second in the fifth inning when Scots claimed Bill Harper tagged Chuck Gibson sliding in to the bag. He stuck to his decision amid the rants and the railings but his snappy work has proved a boost to the City Circuit.

Veterans' Cabs meet Merchants in the next game Friday night at Tecumseh Park.

SCOTS

	AB	R	H	O	A	E
Harper, 2b.	5	1	2	4	1	0
Habas, cf.	4	3	2	2	0	0
Hearns, 3b.	5	1	1	5	3	1
B. Little, c.	5	1	2	6	1	1
Reid, lf.	5	1	2	1	0	0
Bucham, rf.	5	1	3	0	0	1
Babcock, ss.	4	0	1	2	2	1
Murray, 1b.	4	1	1	6	0	0
Toma, p.	5	0	1	1	0	0
Totals	42	9	15	27	7	4

VET CABS

	AB	R	H	O	A	E
Gibson, ss.	3	1	0	2	2	1
McDonald, 2b.	5	1	1	2	0	0
T. Cowan, c. cf.	4	0	0	4	1	1
Harding, 1b.	4	2	2	6	0	1
L. Cowan, 3b.	4	1	0	1	0	1
Parnaby, cf. lf.	4	1	2	2	0	0
Eros, rf.	3	1	2	2	0	1
Simmons, lf.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pick, p.	3	0	0	2	2	0
Trudeau, c.	4	1	1	6	0	1
Totals	34	8	8	27	5	6

Scots ..... 103 031 100—9 15 4
Vet Cabs . 100 011 023—8 8 6

Two-base hits — Reid, Bucham 2, Harper 2, Babcock, Eros, Trudeau, Parnaby. Three-base hits—Hearns. Home runs—Harding. Sacrifice hits—T. Cowan, Harding. Stolen bases—Harper, Habas 3, Gibson, Trudeau. Double plays—Pick to Harding. Left on bases—Scots 9, Vet Cabs 7. Bases on balls—Off Toma 4; off Pick 3. Struck out—By Toma 6, by Pick 7. Umpires—Doan and Depew. Scorer—Bean.

CHATHAM VETS GRAB 6TH WIN

July 17 1946

Joe Sellars is more convinced than ever today that his Maple City Legionnaires will definitely be heard from in the Legion's Provincial softball playdowns. Especially when his thoughts reflect to last night's encounter with Wallaceburg in the Glass Town when his lads checked in with their sixth consecutive victory, 12-5.

It was an easy win for the Chatham club considering the combined pitching and hitting strength of the winning club coupled with the Wallaceburg errors. Even in the short seven inning contest, Chatham crashed 17 hits off the offerings of Shepley and at the same time they were presented with a total of seven miscues.

Art Sellars on the winning hill went a bit hay-wire at times and issued ten free bases, but settled down sufficiently in the pinches to toss the third strike past 8 batters. He lent a winning touch to his own game by clouting the only circuit crash of the game.

While Sellars was busy limiting Wallaceburg to five singles, his mates were running up heavy hits and practically every man fattened his average. Yale and Little nicked Shepley for triples.

Two of the losers' hits went for extra bases and were pounded out by Thompson and Asselstine.

CHATHAM

	AB	R	H	O	A	E
Teeter, 3b.	5	2	1	1	5	0
Norris, 2b.	3	2	2	1	2	0
Reid, cf.	5	3	2	0	2	1
Dix, ss.	4	2	3	1	1	0
Yale, lf.	5	1	2	0	0	0
Harding, 1b. ..	4	0	2	8	1	0
Harper, c.	4	0	0	10	1	1
Little, rf.	4	1	3	0	0	0
A. Sellars, p. ...	4	1	2	0	1	0
Totals	38	12	17	21	13	2

WALLACEBURG

	AB	R	H	O	A	E
Abrams, 3b. ...	3	1	0	1	3	1
Lalonde, c. ...	[illegible]	1	0	3	0	2
DeFreize, 2b. ..	[illegible]	1	0	3	2	0
Thompson, 1b.	[illegible]	1	1	8	0	2
Shepley, p.	[illegible]	0	1	0	2	0
McCready, rf. .	[illegible]	0	0	0	0	0
Asselstine, lf. ..	[illegible]	1	1	1	0	1
Moore, cf. ...	[illegible]	0	0	2	0	0
Burke, ss.	[illegible]	0	2	3	3	1
Totals	25	5	5	5	21	10	7

Chatham	4	3	0	2	3	0	0	12	17	2
Wallaceburg .	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	5	5	7

Runs batted in—Thompson 2, Shepley, Burke, Dix 5, Yale 2, Harding 3, A. Sellars 2. Two-base hits—Thompson, Asselstine. Three-base hits—Yale, Little. Home runs—A. Sellars. Sacrifice hits—Dix. Double plays—J Burke to De Freize to Thompson; Teeter to Harding to Dix to Harper. Left on bases—Chatham 9, Wallaceburg 8. Base on errors—Chatham 4, Wallaceburg 1. Bases on balls—Off Shepley 1; off A. Sellars 10. Struck out—By Shepley 3; by Sellars 8. Wild pitches—Shepley 1, Sellars 2. Passed balls—Harper 1, Lalonde 1. Time of game— 1:35. Umpires—Hudson and Lalonde.

Legion Takes 10th Inning Victory

Two runs in the top half of the tenth innings gave Canadian Legion a 6 to 4 victory over the All Stars in an exhibition night softball tilt at Tecumseh Park last night. The game was part of the wind-up ceremonies of the Legion's three-day Dominion Day celebrations and hundreds of people were on hand for the occasion.

The Legionnaires combined three telling blows with two miscues to effect victory.

All Stars had things their way until the seventh. In the top half of the frame the Legion finally broke through the barrier with four runs to tie the game. The stalemate continued until the 10th inning.

Two singles and a double grouped with two miscues gave Legion the break they had been working for any they shoved two runs across home plate. They tightened up sufficiently to hold an All Star rally in the latter half of the session.

LEGION

	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Milne, ss	5	0	0	2	4	0
Bennie, lf	5	1	2	0	0	0
Norris, 2b.....	5	0	0	2	1	0
Dix, 3b	4	2	1	3	4	1
Hanlan, cf	5	1	2	2	0	1
Harper, c	5	1	2	11	0	1
Little, 1b	5	1	1	10	2	0
B. McAlorum, rf	4	0	0	0	1	0
A. Sellors, p ..	3	4	1	0	1	1
Totals	41	6	9	30	13	4

CITY ALL STARS

	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Moon, 2b	4	2	1	0	2	0
Kerr, c	4	1	2	12	0	2
Harding, 1b....	2	1	1	3	0	0
Williams, cf ...	4	0	1	1	0	0
Stoddard lf ...	5	0	4	0	0	0
Reynolds rf ..	4	0	0	1	0	0
Jacobs, ss	5	0	1	1	3	0
Gow, 3b	2	0	0	1	0	0
Lett, p	2	0	0	0	2	0
Colby, c	1	0	0	2	0	0
S. Brown 1b...	2	0	0	9	0	1
Busteed ,3b	1	0	0	0	1	1
Siney, p	3	0	0	0	3	1
Mickulia, ph ..	1	0	1	0	0	0
Totals	40	4	11	30	11	5

Mickulia batted for Reynolds in the 10th and singled.

Legion	000 000 400	2—6	9 4
All Stars ..	201 010 000	0—4	11 5

Runs batted in Milne 1, Norris 1, Hanlan 2, Little 1, Harding 1, Stoddar 2. Two-base hits, Kerr, Harding, Stoddard, Dix. Three-base hits Williams. Sacrifice hits, Kerr. Double plays. Legion 0, League All Stars 0. Left on bases Legion 7, League All Stars 12. Base on errors Legion 2, All Stars 2. Hits—Off Lett 1 in 5 innings. Hits—Off Seney 8 in 5 innings. Bases on balls—Off Lett 1; off A. Sellars 6; off Seney 1. Struck out by Lett 8; by A. Sellars 8; by Seney 5. Wild pitches Lett 0, Seney 2, A. Sellars 3; Passed balls Colby 1, Kerr 1, Harper 1. Winning pitch A. Sellars. Losing pitcher Seney. Time of game 1 hr. 25 min. Umpires Peardon and Jack Piefer. Scorer Flanagan.

CHECKER CABS WHIP KNIGHTS IN CITY CONTEST

July 27/1948

Tallying nine runs in a big fourth inning rally, Checker Cabs whipped Knight of Columbus 16-2 in City Softball League contest under the lights at Tecumser Park last night.

Knights were only able to score single runs in the seventh and ninth frames as Eros on the hill for the winners scattered nine hits. He had perfect control and struck out three.

Pete Selby led the winners with four hits while Bob Buckles, Ken Milburn and Pete Browning were behind with three blows each. Browning clouted a triple and a homer.

Kreiger with three blows while Corriveau and Cadotte with two each were the top swatsmiths for the losers.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

	AB	R	H	O	A	E
Merritt, rf.	4	0	0	0	0	0
Hinnegan, ss. ..	3	0	1	4	0	0
Kreiger, 2b. ...	4	0	3	2	0	1
Barron, c. . ..	4	0	0	4	1	0
McMahon, 1b. .	4	1	1	11	0	2
Corriveau, 3b. .	4	1	2	1	4	1
Wildgen, cf. ..	4	0	0	0	0	0
Cadotte, lf. ..	4	0	2	3	0	2
Pick, p.	4	0	0	0	4	0
Totals	35	2	9	24	9	0

CHECKER CABS

	AB	R	H	O	A	E
Zybura, c. ...	6	2	1	4	0	0
Harding, 1b. .	6	2	0	13	0	1
Selby, 2b.	6	2	4	5	2	0
Browning, ss. .	5	2	3	2	3	0
Crosby, 3b. ...	5	2	2	0	0	0
Milburn, cf. ...	5	3	3	0	0	0
Buckles, lf. ..	5	1	3	1	0	1
Howe, rf.	5	1	2	1	0	0
Eros, p.	5	1	1	0	6	0
Totals	48	16	19	27	11	2

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Checker . 000 920 23x—16 19 2

Two-base hits—Selby, Crosby 2, Buckles, Hinnegan. Three-base hits—Browning. Home runs — Browning. Double plays—Browning to Harding. Left on bases—Checker Cab 10; K. of C. 10. Bases on balls—Off Eros 0; off Pick 2. Struck out—By Eros 2; by Pick 1. Wild pitches—Eros 1. Passed balls—Barron 1, Zybura 1. Time of game 1:30. Umpires—A. Harding and B. Robertson. Scorer — Davey.

Tue Aug 3, 1948

CHECKER CABS OUTSLUG U.A.W. IN CITY CONTEST

Checker Cab laced U. A. W.-C. I. O., 22-7, in City Softball League contest at Tecumseh Park Saturday night. Game was a lossely-played affair with both teams showing a lack of sharp fielding.

Winners opened with a quintet of runs in the opening inning and although the youthful George-Twigg coached crew fought back, they were unable to catch up.

On the mound for the winners, Bob Buckles scattered 10 hits while striking out 12. He aided his own cause with four hits, including a double. Outfielder Lefty Howe was a tower of batting strength with home runs in the big seventh inning as he crashed two out of the park, one with the bases loaded. Boomer Harding also contributed a trio of bingles.

Jim Lane, Bob Andison and Johnny Toma each grabbed off two hits for the losing nine.

CHECKER CAB

Pos.	AB	R	H	O	A	E
B. Lane c	6	1	0	4	0	1
Harding 1b	4	5	3	3	0	1
Selby ss	5	3	1	0	0	2
Howe lf	5	4	3	2	0	0
Buckles p	5	3	4	0	2	0
Moon cf	5	3	3	2	0	0
Ellis rf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Brooks 3b	4	1	0	0	0	0
Ladd 2b	5	1	1	2	0	0
Browning c	1	1	0	8	0	0
Totals	42	22	15	21	2	4

U.A.W.-C.I.O.

Pos.	AB	R	H	O	A	E
J. Lane lf	4	1	2	1	0	1
Maynard rf	3	1	0	0	0	1
Lacina 3b	4	0	0	0	2	4
Andison ss	4	1	2	0	1	0
Cook 1b	4	0	1	6	1	1
J. Toma p - cf	4	1	2	0	0	0
McLeod cf - p	4	1	1	1	1	1
Buschmeyer 2b	2	0	0	0	0	0
Warren c	4	1	1	12	0	1
Campbell 2b	2	1	1	1	0	0
Totals	35	7	10	21	5	9

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U.A.W.-C.I.O. 020 022 1— 7 10 9

Two-base hits — Buckles, Andison, J. Toma, McLeod, Campbell; Three-base hits — Ladd; Home runs — Howe 2; Left on bases — Checker 7; UAW-CIO 8; Hits off — Toma 6 in 4 innings; McLeod 9 in 3 innings; Bases on balls off — Tomma 5; McLeod 3; off Buckles 1; Struck out by — Toma 7; McLeod 5; by Buckles 12; Wild pitches — Toma 1 Buckles 1; McLeod 1 Passed balls — Warren 2, Browning 1; Losing pitcher J. Toma. Umpires Montague, Harding. Scorer, Matt Dennis.

C. DN SAT, Aug 7, 1948

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CHECKER CABS UPSET VETS IN CITY LOOP

CITY LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pct.
Chatco	11	2	.847
Vet Cabs	10	4	.714
K of C	5	8	.384
Checker Cab	5	8	.384
UAW-CIO	1	10	.091

Checker Cabs upset the leading Vets' Cab nine 9-4 in a City Softball League game last night under the lights at Tecumseh Park.

Buckles, one of the most promising hurlers in the city, went the distance for the winners retiring five via the strike-out route. He was in control all the way as the Checkers took the lead early and were never headed.

Milburn helped Buckels at the plate, banging out three hits.

Mahon paced the losers with the willow, slapping out a home run and two singles.

Bill Harper, playing his first City League game this season came up with a sensational catch in the fifth inning, rolling over several times after making the catch and throwing to second to double Moon off the base.

CHECKER CAB

Pos.	AB	R	H	O	A	E
Zybura c	5	1	2	5	0	0
Milburn 1b	5	4	3	12	0	0
Selby 2b	4	2	2	4	0	0
Howe rf	5	1	1	0	0	0
Ladd cf	4	1	2	4	0	0
Crosby 3b	5	0	0	0	6	3
Cooper ss	4	0	1	2	2	0
Moon lf	4	0	2	0	0	0
Buckles p	3	0	0	0	5	0
Totals	39	9	13	27	11	3

VET CABS

Pos.	AB	R	H	O	A	E
Mikulica ss	5	1	2	3	1	0
Hearns 3b	4	1	2	1	2	1
T. Cowan 2b	3	0	0	2	1	0
Mahon 1b	5	1	3	7	0	1
Colby c	5	0	1	3	1	0
McDonald cf	4	0	1	4	0	0
Yale lf	4	0	0	5	0	1
Harper rf	3	0	0	0	2	0
Pick p	4	1	0	0	3	1
Totals	37	4	9	27	10	4

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Vet Cabs 000 000 400-4 9 4

Two-base hits — Hearns, Zybura, Selby; Three-base hits—Zybura, Milburn, Howe; Home runs — Mahon; Sacrifice hits—Hearns, Selby, Buckles; Stolen bases — Zybura, Cooper; Double plays — Harper to Cowan; Left on bases — Checker Cabs 7; Vet Cabs 10; Bases on balls off — Pick 1; Buckles 2; Struck out by — Pick 0, Buckles 5; Time of game 1.30. Umpires — Harding and Flynn. Scorer — Bean.

C DN file Aug 10, 1948

CHATCO NINE WHIPS CABMEN IN CITY CONTEST

	W.	L.	Pct.
Chatco	12	2	.857
Vet Cabs	10	4	.714
K. of C.	6	8	.428
Checker Cab	5	9	.357
UAW-CIO	1	11	.083

Chatco softballers had three big innings and those were enough for them to crash through with a 15-5 victory over Checker Cab in City Softball League activity under the floodlights at Tecumseh Park last night.

Opening with four runs in the first frame, adding three in the second and bashing back with five in the third canto, the winners held the advantage throughout and there was little doubt as to the decision.

The Doddy brothers, Joe and Pete with Mac Hall led the Chatcomen with three safe blows each. Jack Seney scattered nine hits going the route and was never in trouble, striking out 12.

Eight errors behind him was little help to the Cabmen's hurler, Bob Buckles, while Cooper and Moon were the top hitters with the former clouting the longest blow of the game, a triple.

CHATCO

	Ab.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Habas, rf	4	1	1	1	0	1
J. Doddy, cf	6	2	3	1	0	0
R. Doddy, c	6	4	3	14	0	1
Swainston, lf	5	2	2	1	0	0
Glennie, 1b	5	1	2	6	0	1
Trotechard, ss	5	1	2	1	3	0
Hall, 3b	5	1	3	0	1	0
Wimpress, 2b	5	2	0	3	1	0
Seney, p	5	1	1	0	4	0
Totals	46	15	17	27	9	3

CHECKER CAB

	Ab.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Zybura, c	5	1	1	8	0	0
Milburn, 1b	5	0	1	10	1	3
Selby, 2b	4	0	1	2	1	1
Browning, rf	4	0	0	1	0	0
Ladd, cf	4	0	0	0	2	0
Cooper, ss	4	2	2	1	4	3
Moon, lf	4	0	2	3	0	0
Crosby, 3b	4	2	1	2	4	1
Buckles, p	3	0	1	0	0	0
Totals	37	5	9	27	12	8

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Checker Cab 000 020 111— 5 9 8

Two-base hits, Swainston, P. Doddy 3, J. Doddy, Trotechard, Crosby, Buckles. Three-base hits Cooper. Stolen bases Habas, Selby 2, Browning. Left on bases Chatco 6, Checker Cab 8. Bases on balls—Off Buckles 2; off Seney 3. Struck out—By Buckles 6; by Seney 12. Time of game 1.40. Umpires Flynn and Montague. Scorer Bean.

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C.ON. MON, Aug. 16, 1948

CHECKER CABS WHIP UAW-CIO IN CITY CONTEST

Chatco	12	2	.857
Vet Cabs	11	4	.733
K. of C.	6	9	.400
Checker Cab	6	9	.400
UAW-CIO	1	12	.076

Checker Cabs softball nine trounced youthful U.A.W.-C.I.O. crew, 12-4 in City Softball League competition under the lights at Tecumseh Park Saturday night.

Contest was close for four frames but the winners soon forged ahead and were on their way to victory.

On the mound for the winners, Art Sellars made his return and pitched steady six-hit ball while his mates rallied behind him. Moon Brooks and Scane led the way sharing eight safeties with Moon bashing out a triple.

Bill McLeod with three blows and Jug Warren with two were the only members of the U.A.W.-C.I.O. team to solve Sellars' delivery sharing five hits.

CHECKER CAB

	AB	R	H	O	A	E
Scane, c.	5	1	2	14	1	0
Milburn, 1b.	5	1	1	7	0	0
Selby, 2b.	3	2	1	0	0	0
Kiser, ss.	4	0	1	0	0	1
Crosby, 3b.	4	1	1	0	1	1
Moon, lf.	4	3	4	0	0	0
Ladd, cf.	3	1	0	0	0	0
Brooks, rf.	4	2	2	0	0	0
Sellars, p.	2	1	0	0	1	1
Totals	34	12	12	21	3	3

C.I.O.

	AB	R	H	O	A	E
J. Lane, cf.	2	1	0	0	0	0
K. Maynard, cf.	2	0	0	0	0	0
Lacina, 3b.	4	0	1	0	0	0
McLeod, lf. p.	4	2	3	0	3	1
Warren, c.	3	1	2	11	1	1
Andison, 2b.	3	0	0	0	0	0
Provost, ss.	3	0	0	4	0	0
Cook, 1b.	3	0	0	6	0	0
F. Maynard, rf.	2	0	0	0	0	0
Bushmeyer, rf.	1	0	0	0	0	0
Toma, p.	2	0	0	0	2	1
Hoskins, lf.	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	30	4	6	21	6	5

C.I.O.	102	010	0	—	4	6	5
Checker Cab	200	124	3	—	12	12	3

Two-base hits—Milburn, Kiser, Brooks, Warren. Three-base hits—Moon. Home runs—Crosby, Stolen bases—McLeod, Andison, Selby. Left on bases—C.I.O. 5, Checker Cab 5. Hits—Off Toma 6 in 5 innings; off McLeod 6 in 2 innings. Bases on balls—Off Toma 2; off McLeod 2. Struck out — By Toma 4; by McLeod 1; by Sellars 14. Winning pitcher—Sellars. Losing pitcher—McLeod. Time of game—1:40. Umpires—Hipkins and Montague. Scorer—Bean.

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Aug 23, 1948

SARNIA NINE "SLAUGHTERS" VETS' CABS,

Chatham Vets' Cabs softball nine fell down and really bounced before a crowd of 3,000 softball fans under the lights at Tecumseh Park, Saturday night. Occasion was second game of the O. A. S. A. playoff series and the Dow Chemical nine soundly trounced them 27-7. Victory was second straight in the best-of-three series for the Tunneltown crew over Chatham winning the opening game of the series 2-1 at home.

Contest started out as a long range hitting affair but the visitors only held a 8-7 lead at the end of the fourth. But they took a distinct liking to Jack Lett's slants in the fifth and sent nine runs across the plate and continued attack on Amy Carson. It has been some time since a Chatham team has taken such a beating in O. A. S. A. play and they were just powerless as the Sarnians delighted in "rubbing it in."

Rutter and Hystead led the assault sharing nine blows while Fellows, Haddon and Ross bashed out three apiece.

For the losers, John Colby and Roy McDonald bashed out three safeties.

SARNIA

Pos.	AB	R	H	O	A	E
Tennant 3b	4	5	1	1	4	1
Fellows lf-rf	7	2	3	1	0	0
Dodds 1b	7	2	2	10	0	0
Hystead 2b	7	1	4	3	3	0
Garnin ss	5	3	1	1	5	0
Cousins cf	7	2	1	3	0	0
Haddon rf-lf	7	4	3	0	0	1
Rutter c	6	3	5	8	0	0
Kowinack p	1	1	1	0	0	1
Ross p	5	4	3	0	0	1
Totals	54	27	24	27	12	4

VET CABS

Pos.	AB	R	H	O	A	E
McDonald cf-lf	5	2	3	1	0	2
Hearns 3b	5	1	2	2	1	1
Mikulica ss	4	1	0	3	1	2
Colby c	3	2	3	9	0	3
Mahon 1b	5	0	0	5	0	1
Carson 2b-p	4	0	1	1	1	0
Yale lf-cf	4	1	2	3	0	1
T. Cowan rf-2b	2	0	0	2	0	1
L. Cowan rf	1	0	0	1	1	1
Lett p	3	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	36	7	11	27	5	11

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Vet Cabs . 312 100 000— 7 11 11

Two-base hits — Fellows 2, Dodds, Haddon, Rutter, Hearns, Colby; Three-base hits — Hystead, Ross; Home runs — Tennant, Garvin, Cousins, Haddon; Double plays — Tennant, Hystead to Dodds; Left on bases — Sarnia 9 Vet Cabs 8; Hits off — Kowinack 6 in 2 2-3 innings; off — Ross 5 in 6 1-3 innings off — Lett 17 in 6 innings; off — Carson 7 in 3 innings; Bases on balls off — Kowinack 4; off — Ross 2; off — Lett 5; off — Carson 0; Struck out by — Kowinack 4; by — Ross 7; by — Lett 4; by Carson 0; Winning pitcher Ross. Losing pitcher Lett. Time of game 1.50. Umpires Garvin (Sarnia) Flynn (Chatham). Scorer — Bean.

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CHECKER CAB WHIPS UAW-CIO IN CITY BALL TILT

Checker Cab soundly whipped U,A,W,-C.I.O., 19-5 in City Softball League contest under floodlights at Tecumseh Park last night.

Contest was a close affair until the winners unleashed a batting attack against Johnny Toma in the fifth frame ad sent five markers across the plate. Neither Bill McLeod nor Cec Legue, who followed him, were able to halt the Cabmen.

On the mound for the winners, Bob Buckles and Art Sellars combined to hold the youthful UAW-CIO crew to six hits over the distance.

Walt Zybura paced the winners with five hits in six trips to the plate including a double and a triple. Boomer Harding and Jack Selby each bashed four safeties.

For the losing nine, Jim Lane cracked through with two hits with Hoskins and Toma clouting doubles and Andison a home run. Oliver Maynard gave a standout performance in centrefield making four catches for the losers.

UAW-CIO

Pos.	AB	R	H	O	A	E
Maynard cf	4	0	0	4	0	0
Lacina 3b	5	0	0	1	1	1
Lane 1b	4	0	2	9	0	1
Andison rf-ss ..	5	1	1	0	1	1
Provost c	4	0	1	6	1	0
Buschmeyer 2b	4	1	0	0	0	1
Coles ss	1	0	0	2	0	0
Hoskins lf	3	2	1	0	0	0
J. Toma p	3	1	1	1	0	0
McLeod rf	2	0	0	1	1	1
Legue p	0	0	0	0	0	1
Totals	35	5	6	24	4	6

CHECKER CABS

Pos.	AB	R	H	O	A	E
Zybura c	6	2	5	17	1	0
Harding 1b-3b ..	6	3	4	2	1	0
Cooper ss	6	2	3	0	0	1
Selby 2b	5	2	4	1	1	0
Crosbie 3b	1	0	0	1	0	1
Kiser rf	2	0	1	0	0	0
Ladd cf	2	0	1	0	0	0
Moon lf	6	3	2	0	0	0
Buckles p	2	0	0	0	0	0
Fenton cf	1	1	0	1	0	0
Brooks rf	2	0	1	0	0	0
Sellars p	2	1	1	0	1	0
Milburn 1b	4	2	3	5	0	1
x-Browning rf .	2	2	1	0	0	0
y-Scane	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	48	19	25	27	4	3

y-Batted for Fenton in 7th.
x-Batted for Brooks in 7th.

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Two-base hits — Zybura, Selby, Hoskins, Toma, Moon. Three base hits — Zybura. Home runs — Andison, Stolen bases — Moon 2. Left on bases — UAW-CIO 9, Checker Cab 8. Hits off — Buckles 2 in 4 innings; Sellars 4 in 5 innings; off J. Toma 12 in 4 2-3 innings; McLeod 3 in 2 1-3 innigs; Legue 4 in 1 inning. Bases o balls off — Buckles 1; Sellars 5. off Toma 4; Legue 1. Struck out by Buckles 9; Sellars 8. by—Toma 3; McLeod 2; Wild pitches — Toma 2. Passed balls — Provost 4, Zybura. Winning pitcher — Sellars. Losing pitcher — Toma. Time of game 2 hrs. Umpires — Montague-Depew. Scorer — Matt Dennis.

1,500 FANS JAM STIRLING PARK AS LOCAL VETS LOSE

Box Score

CHATHAM VETS

	AB	R	H	O	A	E
Bathurst, rf	2	0	1	0	0	0
W. Harding, 1b	5	1	2	7	0	0
Stirling, c	4	1	3	5	1	1
M. Williams, 2b	5	0	1	5	0	0
O'Rourke, lf	4	0	0	3	0	0
Scott, ss	4	0	2	1	2	1
Suitor, 3b	4	1	0	2	1	1
A. Harding, cf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Letourneau, p	2	0	0	0	2	0
Mahon, cf	3	1	1	3	0	0
Crosby, rf	3	0	0	1	0	0
Totals	37	4	10	27	6	3

DETROIT 113

	AB	R	H	O	A	E
Riccohomnt, lf	4	2	1	3	0	0
Winkler, ss	4	2	1	2	1	0
Oatman, cf	5	2	4	2	0	0
Pankratz, c	5	0	3	8	0	0
Casmere, 1b	4	1	0	7	0	1
Delegoto, 2b	5	0	0	2	2	0
Meinke, rf	4	0	1	2	0	0
Campbell, 3b	5	0	2	1	4	0
Seely, p	4	0	1	0	1	0
Totals	40	7	13	27	8	1

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Two-base hits, Harding, Scott, Pankratz; home run, Mahon; double plays, Scott, Suitor, Williams, Harding; bases on balls—off Letourneau 4, off Seeley 6; struck out—by Letourneau 5, by Seeley 8; hit by pitched ball—by Seeley, Bathurst, by Letourneau Seeley; umpires, Hinnegan and Mason.

The Chatham Vets proved to be ideal hosts on Saturday at Stirling Park. Before almost 1,500 baseball fans they bowed to the visiting Detroit Legion team representing Post 113 by the score of 7-4.

The day, planned by the Kent County Memorial Athletic Committee in aid of the Memorial Athletic Centre, was marked with success in big red letters. It's a long time since baseball fans gathered in such numbers under "one roof." The crowd should serve as a forerunner to that which may be expected to rally behind the Chatham teams when the Memorial Community Centre is operating as planned.

Detroit evened the score in games for these Detroit-Chatham grudge tilts. Chatham were the victors last year, and Detroit won Saturday, but the fans won't have to wait so long for the third game of the series. The players of both clubs are anxious to play the rubber game in the very near future —which should be next month. Bert Pankratz counts on coming back and really handing out a lacing when they appear here next.

EARLY LEAD

With George Seeley on the mound for the visitors, opposing Sylvio Letourneau, the winners took an early lead and by the fourth inning commanded a 6-0 margin. Chatham came back in the last half of the game to cross the plate four times, then in the ninth, Suitor was at bat with two men on when the side was retired. It was a fitting ending to a fine game to have the tying run at bat, but the Detroiters held and deserved their margin.

Letourneau ran into a little trouble with the Detroit bats in the third when they crossed the plate three times. After Riccobomont walked, Winkler, Oatman and Pankratz singled for a trio of tallies.

The same sluggers featured in the fourth frame splurge for a pair of runs. Riccobomont led the parade with a single, Winkler walked and although Oatman hit into a double play, Scott to Suitor, Pankratz followed with a double.

MAHON HOMERS

"Bum" Mahon was the big noise for the local club in the sixth when he hoisted one over the left field fence with Suitor on base to chalk up the first Chatham markers on the scoreboard. This all happened with two men out. O'Rourke and Scott had opened the frame by going down via the strikeout route.

Chatham sluggers were late in coming across with the hits, but again in the seventh Murray Williams and Bill Stirling singled to add another tally for Chatham.

Both clubs clung to a neat style of fielding, but the sparkling catch of the game came in the eighth when Bill O'Rourke jumped high in the air to snare a hard hit drive headed for extra bases.

Seeley remained on top of the Chatham willow benders for most of the contest and hit a strikeout mark of eight while he walked six in giving up ten hits. Letourneau, seen on the mound for the first time in several weeks, fanned five and issued four free bases.

Lew Sadlier missed his ace southpaw, Bob Grant, who failed to return to the city for the contest. Lew was counting on dividing the mound duties between Grant and Letourneau.

George Oatman walloped the apple in four of his five appearances at the plate, while Bert Pankratz came into the hitting picture with three hits—one a double.

Boomer Harding, Abbie Scott and Mahon, with his homer, were the stars at bat for Chatham. Harding and Scott both contributed doubles.

WALKERVILLE TAKES SERIES; TWO STRAIGHT

Accepting the second straight defeat at the hands of Walkerville in the Legion provincial playdowns Chatham Vets were downed 8-6 on Saturday at Windsor and thus took their "exit" from the playdowns. Chatham dropped the first game, 5-3 last week.

Fred Bolter, on the hill for the winners scattered nine Chatham hits as his mates picked up seven off Art Sellars.

The winners were outhit and errors proved to be the downfall for the Chatham club. Leading all the way, the powerful Walkerville club scored in the first, fifth and eighth. The Maple City club had one big inning in the fifth.

Sellar clouted one homer for Chatham's big hit while Morrison and Dix each collected a brace of bingles.

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	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Mikulica, ss ..	3	0	1	1	1	2
Morrison, 2b ..	5	1	2	0	5	0
Dix, 3b	5	0	2	0	2	0
Swaintson, lf ..	4	1	0	0	0	0
Harding, 1b ..	3	1	1	11	0	0
Doddy, c	4	0	1	8	0	0
McKie, cf	4	0	0	2	0	2
Harper, rf	4	1	1	2	0	1
A. Sellers, p ...	3	2	1	0	2	0
Totals	35	6	9	24	10	5

WALKERVILLE

	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Weese, cf	4	1	1	2	1	0
Lanorue, rf ..	3	0	0	0	1	2
Dunn, c	4	2	1	4	0	0
Hillier, ss	4	2	1	7	5	0
Thomson, 3b ..	4	0	0	0	2	0
Raisbeck, 1b ..	4	1	1	8	1	0
Wiseman, lf ..	3	1	2	1	0	1
Rulel, 2b	2	0	0	3	2	0
Bolter, p	4	0	0	2	1	0
Galalond, rf ..	2	0	0	0	0	0
Bauer, p.m. ..	1	1	1	0	0	0
Lowery, 2b ...	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	35	8	7	27	13	3

Bauer batted for Rudel in the eighth inning.

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Runs batted in Morrison 1, Dix 1, Harding 1, Doddy 1, Sellars 1, Weese 2, Hillier 5, Bauer 1. Two-base hits, Dunn. Three-base hits Doddy, Harper. Home runs, Sellars, Hillier. Sacrifice hits, Mikulica. Double plays Hillier to Rudel to Raisbeck. Base on balls —off Sellars 3; off Bolter 4. Struck out— By Sellars 6 by Bolter 2. Wild pitches Sellars 1, Bolter 1. Umpires, Ted Flynn and Meloche. Scorer Flanagan.

TO PLAY FIREMEN FOR CHAMPIONSHIP

(By Chatham Daily News Staff Photographer)

Supremacy in softball between the postmen and firemen will be decided next Wednesday when the two teams clash at Tecumseh Park. The firemen have already defeated the policemen and Wednesday's game will decided the issue. The Post Office aspirants are shown above. They are, left to right, front row—Tom Hall, Red Flynn; second row "Boomer" Harding, Joe Reddick, Tom Wilcox, Bill Little and Roy Kitt; third row William Justin, John McGuire, Clayton Shaw and Jack Tasker; back row Lyman Jackson, Beth Binga, and Fred Chisholm.

Firemen, Postmen Hold Softball Battle at Tecumseh

Tomorrow night, weather permitting, Chatham Postmen tangle with the City Firemen in an exhibition softball game at Tecumseh Park.

Postmen had challenged the winner of the Firemen-Policemen game and are ready to go.

Postmen boast a star-studded lineup with Bill Little, who manned Scots City Softball League squad as catcher; Boomer Harding, who toiled at first for the Pats' Cabs crew and Ted Flynn and Doug Depew of the City League umpiring staff. Roy Kitt, who plays a whale of a game of softer, will also be out with the postmen.

The pitching battle should be a close one with Firemen "firing some hot throws" and the Postmen featuring "special deliveries" and all fans are reminded that game starts at 8 o'clock under the

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Vimy Wins Crown

The Vimy basketball team fought their way to a championship last night, Tuesday, 18 April, 1944, downing a strong team from Barriefield, in a very closely contested game, by a score of 31-30. The game, played in true championship form, was the hardest fought and most closely contested of the season. The score is a very accurate representation of the two teams, with Vimy having a slight edge for the greater part of the game.

Vimy, fully realizing the strength of their opponents, dug in right from the opening jump, and checked the fast flying mechanics to a standstill. The first half was nip and tuck all the way, with Signals checking furiously, only taking time out to score and keep themselves in the lead. The half-time score was 19-17 for Vimy.

During the second half both teams commenced using the same tactics, but then Vimy got the order from the bench and away they went after a few baskets. They succeeded in building up a lead of six points with five minutes to go to the end of the game. The boiler makers from Ordnance weren't to be outdone and with five minutes to go they weighed anchor. The last four minutes were exhausting. The boys forgot everything else and their playing was tops for any league. Ordnance scored five points in those dying minutes to draw them within one basket of a championship, but the Vimy boys had other ideas and left them no opening from which they could get that payoff count.

Players Were Exhausted

They were a tired bunch of boys who lifted the rafters with their cheers at the final whistle and were every inch champions. The game was played very cleanly and the officiating was "tops" with the referee having complete charge of what most people would term a referee's headache because of the speed, passing and close checking in the game.

It is the usual custom to say such and such was top scorer or somebody played well, but we choose to adopt the unorthodox method. The boys on both teams played their best. Every man on the Vimy team gave his all for the cause and it is because of this we refuse to designate one or two stars.

The spirit and team work of the winners throughout the season was something to be admired and followed by succeeding teams. Congratulations go out to the boys from the entire staff for their keenness and good sportsmanship in this successful season.

Sigmn. Alioff, who coached the team, was superb in his handling from the bench, being one jump ahead of Ordnance Squad at all times.

The boys were honored by the presence of Col. and Mrs. Mallock whose support and enthusiasm spurred the team on to victory.

Line-ups:

Vimy	Co.	Ordnance
Curgin	Basic Group	Brown
Sliwka	Operating	Barton
Harrington	Operating	Nancarrow
Macksy	Operating	Perrault
Ellworthy	Trades	Durocher
Killen	Trades	Reid
Williams	Operating	Norman
Harding	M.T.	

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FLOWERS VERY IMPRESSIVE AS THEY WIND UP SCHEDULE BY DEFEATING C.C.I. 36-32

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Winding up the schedule of the men's Chatham Basketball Association last night at C.V.S. Gymnasium, Flowers were very impressive in their win over the league leading C.C.I. hoopsters to to a greater degree than the 36-32 score would indicate.

Despite the reverse, the Collegiate team remains on the top rung with Flowers one and a half games back of the leaders. Divets and Tait's follow up n that order and all four teams are now set for the championship series due to start next Monday and as the past few games have shown—anything can happen and usually does when the chips are down.

In a game that was fast and hard-hitting all the way, Flowers played a smooth passing game from the start and built a comfortable margin to the extent of a 19-11 edge at half time. Continuing the pressure with the added asset of a couple prolific scorers in Foy and Allen, the winners ran it up to 34-21 by the time the three-quarter whistle blew.

The C.C.I. quintet ran wild for a few minutes in the closing minutes of play, but their results can mainly be credited to the "relaxed" play on the part of the smooth Flowers team. The league leaders came to within two baskets of tying the score, but failing to hoop the necessary points they tasted their second defeat of the season. Referee Rus. Fair handed out twelve foul shots to each team.

Jack Foy got back into the good graces of his team, after having been "thrown out" during their last contest, and netted six baskets and four foul shots for a grand total of ten points. Doug Allen netted ten points, Don Russell, six and Ralph Harding and Jim White each notched a brace of points to complete the team's scoring.

Carey led the C.C.I. attackers with his eleven points with Duyvestyn following up with six. Campbell, Colby, Waddell and McNiff all played an outstanding game for C.C.I. and took a share in the scoring.

FINAL STANDING

	W	L	Pt.
C.C.I.	7	2	.777
Flowers	6	4	.600
Divets	5	6	.454
Tait's	2	8	.200

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EXCITING START

FLOWERS BUMP TAIT'S, 31-30, IN CITY CAGE SEMI-FINALS; DECIDING GAME NEXT MONDAY

It was the game of the year last night at C.V.S. gymnasium when Flowers and Tait's provided the basketball fans with all the thrills of the game in a semi-final two-games series points to count. But after last night's game it still amounts to a sudden-death game next Monday night as Flowers were able to gain only a single point, 31-30 advantage for the deciding game.

In a fast game from the first whistle both teams excelled in their passing and shooting, yet the quintets featured a tight defensive brand of ball.

Flowers (31)—Guards, Russell (5) and Allen (4); centre, Foy (6); forwards, Dix (8) and B. Day (5); subs, D. Day, Adams, White, Wilcox (2), Horne, Illman, and Harding (1).

Tait's (30)—Guards, Bartram (1), and Watson (4); centre, Buckland (18); forwards, MacMaster (2) and Cowan (3); subs, Morita, Rapley, Nurse (2), Marshall, Weston, T. Cowan and Fair.

Referee—George Sherman.

THE TEAMS

MULHERNS — (70 — Brower (22), Foy (16), Brown (13), Harding (15), Allen (2), Temesy (2).

OPTIMIST—(15)—Conley (4), Galloway (2), Burness (2), Waddell (2), Phipps (1), Brown, Neil, Parker (2), Temesy, Colby (2).

Referee—Mac MacArthur.

CAGE FINALS

ACTION GALORE AS FLOWERS GET DECISION OVER TAIT'S; GIRLS' SEMI-FINAL A DRAW

Not one basketball fan could complain of any lack of excitement at the City Basketball Association's playoff games at the C.V.S. gymasium last night. Althoug it didn't exactly run into the thousand mark for the attendance, the gallery was the largest to witness basketball in the city this year and they had their money's worth in the form af two cage games and three fights.

In the feature game of the evening, Flowers advanced into the final round by taking a 27-15 victory at the expense of Tait's. It was the second game of the semi-final series, in which Flowers just managed to squeeze through with a 31-30 win in the first game. The opening game on the night's card saw Goddard's and St. Andrew's open the playoff round in the girls' division with a 10-all draw.

FAST GAME

Both teams started the game with the same fast, high class brand of basketball that marked the first game of the series as an all-star affair, the only difference was that scoring was at a premium. Flowers exhibited only a 5-4 edge in the play at the end of the first quarter, but stretched it to 17-4 at the halfway mark.

The winners continued to command the play in the final half and their tight defence, coupled with an effective passing attack ensured them of victory.

The fights that added much to the tension of both players and fans alike, were of the short and sweet variety. Peferee Hillman found the peacemaking job easy in the first "bout" as it was nothing more than a mad scramble involving several players, but the semi-final and main rounds resulted in men being thrown out of the game. Bert Day and McMaster headed for the showers with only a few minutes remaining, then in the final seconds, Don Russell and Louis Cowan mixed it up in no uncertain manner. All battles resulted in a draw.

Carmen Dix and Jack Foy played outstanding games for the winners, hooping 10 and 9 points respectively. Harding, Allen and Russell also played a stellar role for the winning cause.

ETBALL FINALS

FLOWERS FADE IN FOURTH TO LOSE 33-24 IN OPENER

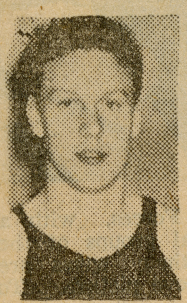
Collegiate 33, Flowers 24.

And so ended the first game of the final series of the Chatham Basketball League at C.C.I. gymnasium last night.

C.C.I. opened the scoring in the first few minutes of the game, only to have Flowers take a slight edge in both the play and scoring for the first three sessions until the winners settled down to launch their powerful passing attack which had the Flowers' quintet running around in circles during the final canto.

Last night's triumph sends the Collegiate boys into the second game of the best-of-three series for the city championship with a nine point advantage, all of which looks like a comfortable margin providing the winners can keep up their razzle-dazzle play which carried them to heights in the opening contest. The next game is scheduled for Monday night at the C.V.S. gymnasium.

Until they faded in the final stanza Flowers looked like a winning combination for almost three quarters of the game. After C.C.I. had opened the scoring on a shot by Duyvestyn, City Flowers were "away to the races" and ran up a 10-6 lead to end the initial canto, only to have C.C.I. hold the edge on the score sheet by half time to the tune of 17-16.



Jack Duyvestyn

The game was fast and furious all the way and kept both officials on the hop racing from zone to zone, particularly in the third when it was touch and go as to which team would command a margin. Dix sank a foul shot to tie the score in the first few minutes, then Russell added a tally to give Flowers the edge until Duyvestyn dropped the leather through the hoop to deadlock the issue 19-19. Flowers regained the lead again by virtue of baskets by Dix and Harding, then another C.C.I. shot reduced the margin to 23-21 to end the third quarter.

Collegiate's starry performers were sparked in the last stanza, either by Coach Fisher or the snappy cheer section of the green and white, to open the game wide and at the same time drop baskets almost at will. Flowers, who were checked off their feet in the final minutes, had very few shots on the hoop.

Red Carey, with twelve points, maintained his high scoring pace along with the other high point-getter of the team, Jack Duyvestyn, who collected nine points during the evening. Campbell, Colby and Waddell were the other bright lights of the winning quintet. For Flowers, Carmen Dix and Jack Foy, prolific scorers during the season, headed the score sheet, while D. Day, Russell and Allen came through with outstanding performances.

Red Carey

The lineups:

C.C.I. (33)—Guard, Campbell and Colby (4); centre, Duyvestyn (9); forwards, Carey (12) and Waddell (4); subs, McNiff (3) Watson, Hosking, Karry and Hay (1).

Flowers (24)—Guards (2) and Allen (3); cen (6); forwards, Dix (7) ing (4); subs, Illman, J White and Adams.

Officials—Hipkins

C.C.I. WINS CITY TITLE BY SECOND VICTORY, 34-30; PARK STREET VICTORIOUS

The time-worn adage, "Youth must be served" poked its head into the C.V.S. gymnasium last night and presented Chatham Collegiate with the Lorne Goddard Trophy, emblematic of the Chatham Basketball championship. After winning the first game of the three-game series, 33-24 on Friday night, C.C.I. came back with more zip, vim and vigor to take the second straight, this time by a narrower margin, 34-30.

Over 200 rabid basketball fans crowded into the C.V.S. gym to take in one of the best games that any two crack teams could provide. It was good basketball all the way, fast from the word "go," just bordering, but not classed in the rough and tumble category. The game was well handled by George Sherman and Fred Hipkins.

Collegiate, coached by Clarence Fisher, were outstanding in their triumph. They were unbeatable last night, but don't take any credit away from Flowers. They were defeated by a better team composed of young collegiate students who have played together all season, and every one is enjoying his "hey-day" in the court game. Not saying, of course, that the majority of the boys won't become more outstanding during the course of another year or so.

In keeping with Friday's game, Flowers, a team of veterans, made it a real contest for over half a game. In fact they pushed the leather into tallies in the final stages of the game in a spurt that could have overpowered the C.C.I. quintet, but the younger players of the Collegiate had just a little too much in reserve.

Flowers went into an early lead and when the first quarter ended, they held a nice-looking 14-6 margin—and they deserved it. By half time, the edge was cut to 18-15, then in the third canto, C.C.I. came into their own with some smart passing plays and at three-quarter time had grasped a 24-21 score to dominate the play. The last session was close, but the winners managed to sink ten points to nine for Flowers.

FOY OPENS SCORE

Opening the score in the first quarter, Jack Foy set Flowers up with three points within two minutes. Harding and Foy followed with baskets in quick order and with Dix sinking a foul shot, the losers had collected nine points before C.C.I. marked the score sheet with a basket by Red Carey. Further points picked up by Carey, Waddell and Hay ended the opening session's scoring.

High class basketball was served up by both cage squads in the second stanza, with Flowers maintaining their margin, but the third quarter told a different story. They didn't run away with the game, but had enough in reserve to take the edge in the play from the team of veterans. Duyvestyn opened with a basket, then followed up with another to put C.C.I. in the lead after two minutes of the frame for the first time in the game.

Entering the fourth quarter with only a slim margin, C.C.I. picked up points on baskets by Carey, Watson, Duyvestyn, Hay and Waddell. Campbell and Colby had already nicked the score sheet in earlier quarters to round out spectacular night for each and every cager of the winning team. There were no stars. Every man was brilliant and deserves honorable mention.

Likewise, Flowers were outstanding in their defeat. Jack Foy was the scoring ace of the evening, with eleven points, Dix picked up seven and Don Illman was one of the bright lights for the losers with six points. Again every man on the team played a stellar role.

We sort of imagine, the big "beef" launched in such a hilarious fashion just before the game got under way with respect to uniforms should be considered by the staff of the Collegiate. Prancing out on the floor for the warm-up before starting time, every Collegiate cager was all decked out in the latest spring fashion, every color under the rainbow included, in his Sunday best pyjamas.

Heading the parade was a standard bearer with the announcement that "They won't give us uniforms." . . . It was quite a "do" and the boys themselves enjoyed the fun as much as the fans. C.C.I. must have known they were going to win the trophy for in this pre-game show, they came racing out on the floor pulling "almost" a facsimile of the silverware with the ball "mounted" on top. 'Nuff said, it added quite an amusing touch to an ideal night of basketball.

Fair Stan Jack Harding Tenney Collins Allen Bronson Sherman

ZONE A-3 DARTS—Legion dart competition was concluded at Branch 28, Royal Canadian Legion, Chatham. Winners in the playoff action are, from left, Wilfred Harding, Branch 431, Chatham; Gordon Lennox, Zone A-3 sports officer; Fred Dulong, Branch 28, Chatham, and Mike Stewardson, Branch 564, Merlin. Zone A-3 winners will advance to district playoffs in Leamington, May 11.

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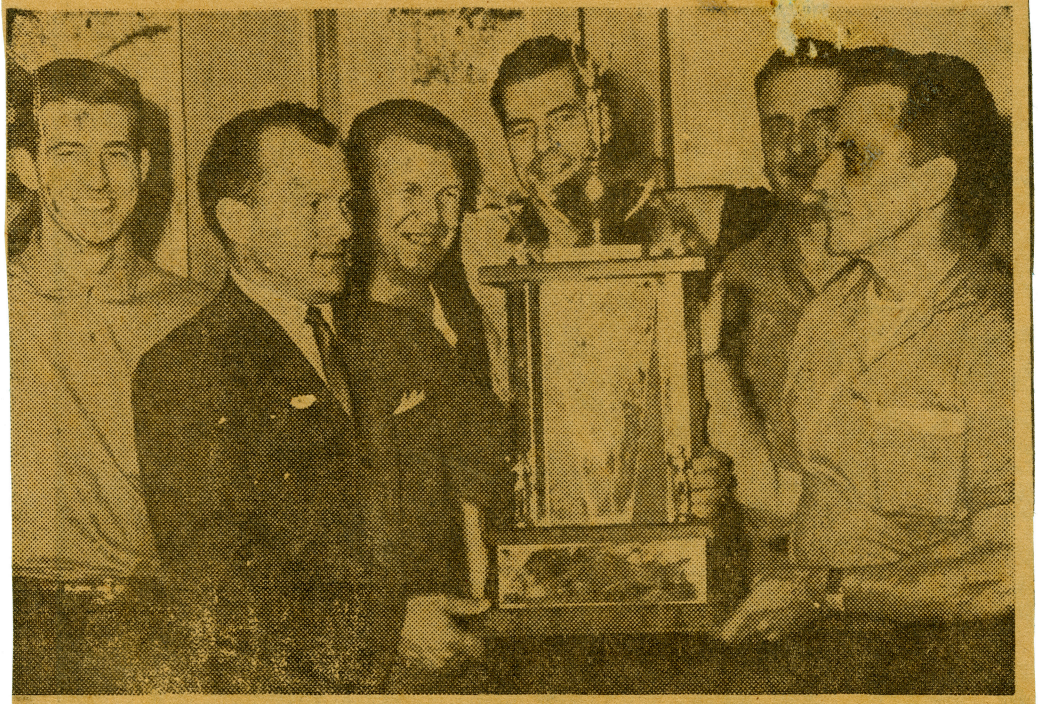

DON ROSS PRESENTS TROPHY TO DOUG SCAIFE
. . . Dave Westbury, Larry Blazek, Carl Smith And Don Taylor

Windsor Legion Wins $1000 Dart Tourney

Windsor's Branch 578 Legion won the third annual Branch 28 Legion $1,000. Dart Tournament, Saturday afternoon, at the Legion Hall.

The team finished first in a field of 56 teams which came from all over the province and one team from Warren, Michigan.

Doug Scaife, Dave Westbury, Larry Blazek, Carl Smith and Don Taylor made up the winning team and received the $300 for their efforts.

Willy Green and Cary Paris, both members of the Shamrock team of the Lakeview Army and Navy Legion in Toronto won the doubles competition.

Green and Paris led a field of of 100 doubles competitors and won $120. in prize money.

Don Ross, local Molson's representative, presented the winners with trophies.

Lou Graham, Don Clark and Bill Besant, all members of Branch 28 Legion, acted as chairmen for the event.

The tournmanent is sponsored by Branch 28 Legion and is open to any dart teams. "It was a huge success," commented Mr. Graham at the conclusion of the tournament.

RESULTS

TEAM FINISHINGS: (1) Branch 578, Windsor, (2) Branch 2, London (3) Maple Leaf Branch, Toronto (4), Leamington (5) Rondeau Rod and Gun Club (6) Blyth, (7) Sappers, Toronto (8) Port Burwell.

*DOUBLES FINISHSERS: Green and Paris, Lakeview, Toronto (2) Rhodes and Revelle, Maple Leaf, Toronto (3) Parry and Woodcock, London (4) Scott and Harding, Branch 28, Chatham (5) Miller and Smith, Victory Branch, London (6) Blazek and Smith, Windsor (7) Dulong and Hatton, Branch 28, Chatham (8) Kelley and Cowie, Chatham and Windsor.

Zone A3 Darters Ready For Finals

BLENHEIM (Staff) — Zone A3, Royal Canadian Legion, Saturday picked its singles and doubles dart players to take part in District A finals at the Branch 143, Windsor.

Semi-finals were held at Branch 185, Blenheim.

Single winners were Harold Shuard, of Bothwell, Charles Dufrey of Dresden, Cliff Scott Branch 28, Chatham, and Joe Sopola, also of Branch 28.

Doubles winners were Cy Vroman and Grant Webster, Branch 18, Wallaceburg. Wilfred Harding and Don Bickerton of Branch 431, Chatham, John Bushey and Tony Sommers, also of Branch 431, Bernard Bergoon and Blake Lunn of Thamesville.

More than 90 players from 12 Legion branches took part in the semi-finals.

Zone A3 teams will be chosen Saturday at Branch 367, Thamesville.

—Staff Photo

CLAYTON ROBINS, GEORGE BROWN, CLINTON CHEVALIER
. . . Organizers Of Blenheim Legion Dart Tourney

The Chatham Daily News

CHATHAM, ONTARIO, MONDAY, MARCH 6, 1967

LEGION DART TOURNEY—Zone A-3 of the Royal Canadian Legion held its annual dart tournament at Ridgetown Tuesday night. More than 70 dart throwers from eight branches in the district entered. From left, Mike Stewardson of Branch 465, Merlin; Wilfred Harding of Branch 431, Chatham; Gordon Lennox of Branch 431, Chatham; Leroy Brackett of Branch 185, Blenheim; and Neil Winger of Branch 18, Wallaceburg.

Sports

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Singles Honors To Stewardson

RIDGETOWN (Staff) —Zone 3A Legion singles and doubles dart championships were held here Wednesday night. Competitions were so well attended officials couldn't declare winners until 3:30 this morning.

Mike Stewardson of Merlin was the best in a field of 70 singles competitors. Stewardson won the straight - knockout elimination beating Wilfred Harding of Branch 431, Chatham, in the final.

LeRoy Brackett of Blenheim was third and Neil Winger of Wallaceburg snared fourth place

Harding also made his presence felt in the doubles competition, teaming with Harry Willmore to win a share of the laurels for Branch 431.

The Harding - Willmore combination defeated Joe Sapola and Frank Roebuck of Branch 28, Chatham, in the final.

Finishing third was the combination of Tom Martin and John Babister of Branch 28. Another Branch 28 team, comprised of Ramsay Wells and Dick Brown, finished fourth.

On April 13, the zone championship for teams will be held at Dresden, starting at 1 p.m.

On April 27, the qualifying tournament for district play - downs for singles, doubles and teams will be held at Branch 28, Chatham.

Branch 431 Wins Tourney

April 15, 1968

DRESDEN (Staff) — A team from Legion Branch 431 of Chatham won the annual Zone A3 Dart Team Championship held Saturday afternoon at the Legion Hall in Dresden.

The 431 team defeated a Blenheim entry in two straight games in the best-of-three final series. The team members are Wilfred Harding, Harry Wilmore, Ed Turner and Jack Low.

The Blenheim team was made up of Ed Bennett, Lorne DeWispelaere, Leroy Bockett and Lorne Bond.

In the final game, Harding scored a 180 with three darts for the high single score of the day.

Branch 431 defeated a Branch 18 Wallaceburg team, and Blenheim ousted a Branch 28 Chatham team to get into the finals.

In the consulation round for teams defeated in first round play, the top spot went W. Blommaert's team from Branch 18 Wallaceburg.

The dart league will hold it's banquet on Friday, April 26 at Branch 28 Chatham, and it will be hosted by Branch 18 of Wallaceburg.

On Saturday, April 27, the league will hold qualifications for district competitions in Leamington on Saturday, May 11. The qualifications will be held in singles, doubles and team categories.

Sports

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DART LEAGUE SILVERWARE DISPLAYED
By Harry Christian (Seated), Mike Stewardson,
H[illegible] Willmore And Wilfred Harding

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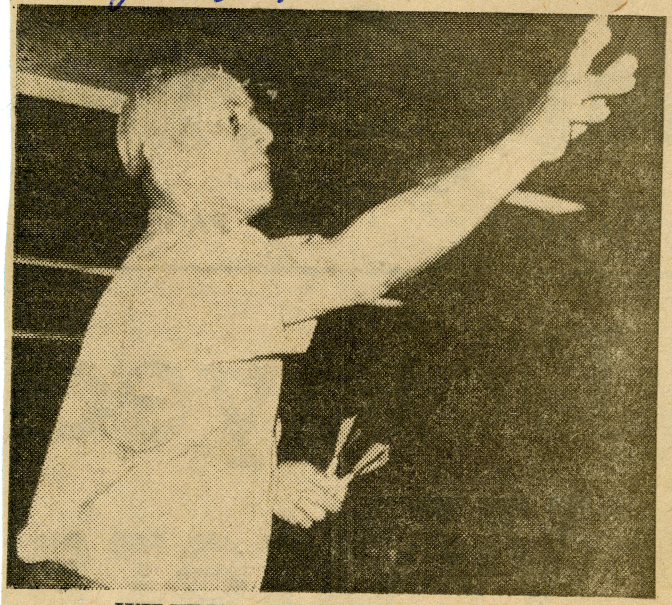


WILFRED "BOOMER" HARDING
. . . Lines Up Tourney Shot

Branch 28 Wins Again

For the second consecutive year, Chatham's Branch 28 Legion won the teams title at the District "A" Dart Championships Saturday at Branch 28 Legion.

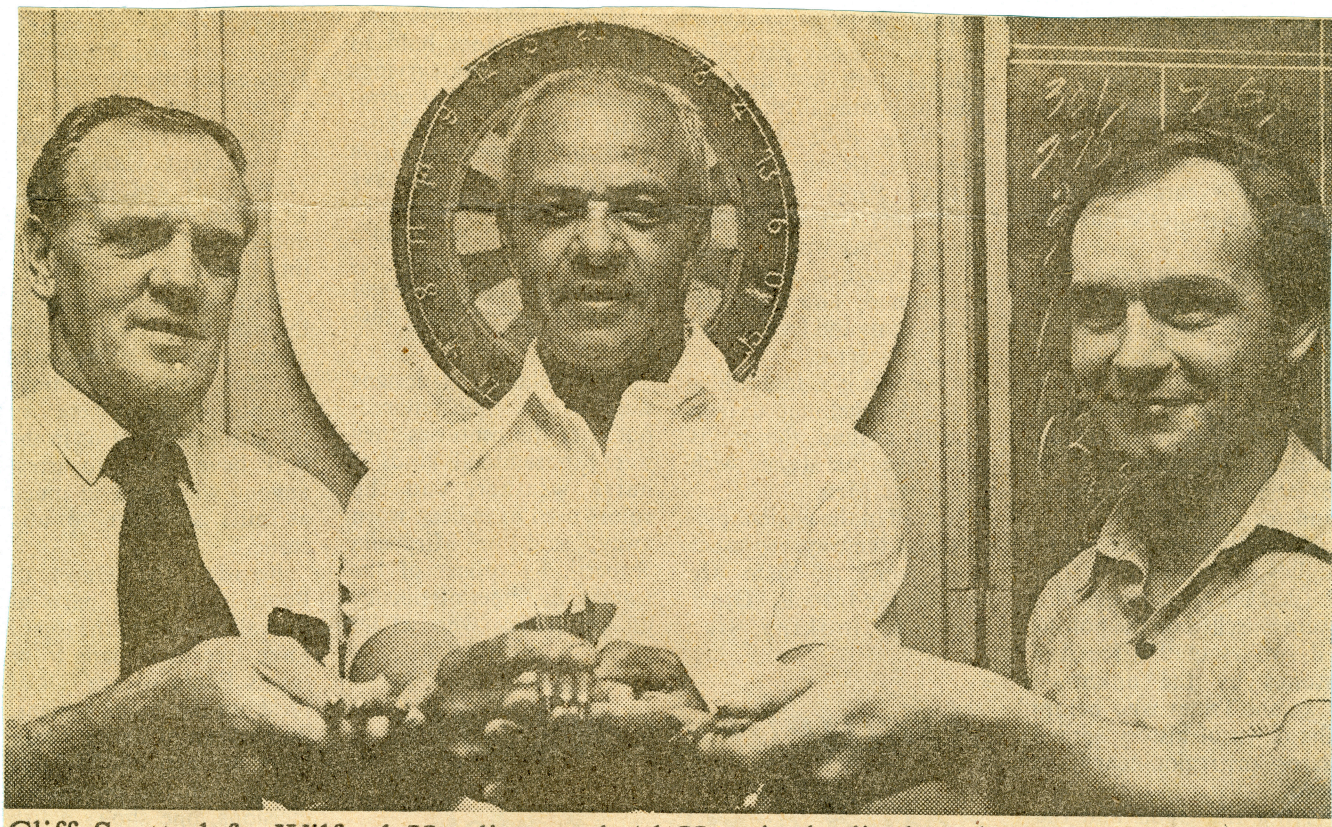
Cliff Scott, Boomer Harding, Allan Heyninck, George Moore and Ramie Heyninck won the title for the local legion against 24 other teams.

John Griffin of London won the singles' crown against 27 other competitors while George Edinton and Ted Grove, also of London, won the doubles' title.

The winners of the singles, doubles and teams' play will advance to the provincial finals at Belleville June 2.

Competitors from Kent, Essex, Lambton and Middlesex Counties were on hand for the tournament.

Since the Chatham team won the teams' match they will host the tournament again next year.



Cliff Scott, left, Wilfred Harding and Al Heyninck display the tools of their trade

The Windsor Star July 6, 1974

Darts... right on the money!

By JOHN WANLESS

CHATHAM — You can be flabby-muscled, pot-bellied and have lungs like paper bags but you can still play.

No need for hours of exhausting conditioning either. In fact, most players spend much of their training time sitting behind a glass of beer.

The sport? . . . darts, the game which began in English pubs and is rapidly becoming the workingman's sport in Canada. It's cheap, easy, individual and is quickly becoming big business, with thousands of dollars offered in prizes every year.

Three of the biggest money winners in the province are natives of Chatham and for them, up to 10 years of practice is finally paying off.

Clifford Scott, Alan Heyninck and Wilfred (Boomer) Harding are all acknowledged Ontario champions, having won the provincial Legion championships held in Cambridge last May. Scott and Harding teamed up to win the doubles championship while Heyninck took the singles title.

All three were part of a powerhouse Branch 28 Legion team which "made themselves known" in the tournament.

"The Beaches Club from Toronto used to win it every year," smiled Boomer Harding. "I guess it's because they had all those transplanted Englishmen. But after this year they all know where Chatham is."

Branch 28 has always been a hotbed of darts play but it is only recently that it has taken on the role of creator of champions.

According to Branch sports director George Brown, the club now has 320 people in its house league, about half of whom are women.

Mr. Brown feels the economics of the game may have contributed to its rise.

"A set of darts only cost about 65 cents and the best board only $20," he said. "And it can be played anywhere."

For the three Legion champions the Branch 28 pub room in the club's basement is the training ground. Every night players line up to use any one of the 16 boards which line the walls.

"We practise three or four nights a week when there is a tournament coming up," explained Mr. Scott. "You can't let down because if you throw a bad game in a tournament you're through. The competition is tough."

It's no wonder.

Winning teams often split up more than $500 in prize money between themselves while individual winners can often come away with as much as $300.

Tournaments are now offering total prizes ranging up to $5,000.

"The money comes in handy but a lot of it goes to pay your expenses," said Mr. Harding. "Not many of us are in it for the money."

They may be soon, however. Next year will see the first Canadian national dart championships which will provide a winner to compete against the best European teams.

Some players even foresee the creation of a dart pro tour similar to golf tours with big business backing and more lucrative prizes.

When you are talking about that kind of competition, players have to be good. Skill and concentration count for everything according to the three champions.

"Your stance has a lot to do with your performance," explained Mr. Heyninck, who has been playing for about six years compared with the other men's ten. "You have to find your own style and quite often your own darts — the ones with the right weight and 'feel'.

"We have had our darts specially made to our specifications," he added. "You pick the type of metal and feathers you want and it can cost up to $40."

Most important of all, however, is concentration, something that isn't always easily come by in crowded and noisy Legion halls — still the centre of most dart-playing, even though other, non-Legion clubs are beginning to open up across the province.

"The hard thing about darts is that most fans who watch the games are usually players themselves," explained Mr. Scott. "So they can be quite critical sometimes."

"Sometimes audience participation helps though," added Mr. Harding. "Quite often when I throw everyone will crowd around and encourage me."

The concentration combined with encouragement appeared to do the job for Mr. Harding during the Ontario championships.

During his last game he threw a perfect 180 score — three darts in the two inch by one-half inch triple-20 area.

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DISTRICT "A" CHAMPIONS AGAIN

Chatham Royal Canadian Legion Branch 28 made it four years in a row when they won the annual District "A" Legion Dart Tournament team championship Saturday at Branch 28 over teams from five other counties. Not only did the foursome win the team event, but Allan Heyninck took the singles competition, and Cliff Scott teamed with Wilfred Harding to win the doubles event. Members of the team are, from left, Allan Heyninck, Scott Harding and Ramie Heyninck. (Staff)

Cliff Scott's dart team wins district tourney

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CHATHAM — For the fourth straight year, the team led by Cliff Scott from Branch 28, Royal Canadian Legion, won the regional district dart championships.

Last year, this same team went on to win the provincial championship.

A strong team from Merlin gave the Scott team a tough final match, winning the first of the best-of-three games, and coming within one dart of taking the district championship themselves in the third and final game.

It was Scott himself who doubled out to take the final game.

Completing the Scott team was Wilfred (Boomer) Harding, who teamed with Scott to take the district doubles crown earlier in the day, Al Heyninck, district singles champion, and Al's dad Ramie Heyninck.

The Scott team beat out a team from Branch 578, Windsor, and the Merlin team defeated a second Branch 28 team to move on to the finals.

Twenty-three teams from the district between Aylmer and Windsor competed Saturday at Branch 28.

Showing their experience in tenion-filled final plays, the Scott team crowed the triple 20 area with darts to bring them within double-out capability early in every game.

FINALIST

Branch 28 Wins Dart Tournament

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Chatham Royal Canadian Legion Branch 28 "A" team won the team title and the right to advance to District "A" playdowns next weekend during Zone A3 dart competition Saturday at Chatham Legion Branch 628.

The Chatham 28 "A" team is made up of Cliff Scott, Cliff Lusk, Al Heyninck and Larry Clarke with Lusk and Heyninck being two of three competitors to score 180s during the tournament. Dale Thomas of Thamesville Branch 367 was the other.

The Chatham Legion 628 team captained by Boomer Harding also qualified for the Windsor competition as well as Pete Hack's team from Bothwell and Bob Delaet's squad from Branch 28.

Those qualifying in the singles competition were Boomer Harding, Heyninck, Damion Gorman of 628 and Lucien Mortelle of 628.

The doubles qualifiers were Harding and Tim Jones of 628, Scott and Heyninck of 28, Cudney and Dewispaelere of Blenheim Branch 185 and Thomas and Thomas of Thamesville Branch 367.

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LEGION DART TEAM PINS CHAMPIONSHIP

Chatham Branch 628 Royal Canadian Legion's dart team won the District 'A' Dart Tournament held in Windsor this past weekend. The foursome will travel to Bramalea April 23 for the Provincial contest. Members of the Branch 628 district champion squad are, left: Leroy Brackett, Tim Jones, Boomer Harding and Lucien Mortelle. (Staff)

Tuesday, March 22, 1983

CITY MAN DISTRICT 'A' DART CHAMPION

Chatham Branch 28 Legion hosted the District A Darts tournament recently with a Windsor squad winning the team competition, a London pair taking the doubles event a Chatham man taking the singles title. Wilfred "Boomer" Harding, front row left, of Chatham Branch 628 was the singles winner, while Dave Green and Dave Couper of Branch 2 London took the doubles crown. In back, district sports officer Sam Westbury, left, and deputy district sports officer Ken Dixon, right, congratulate the winning team from Branch 578 Windsor comprised of Skip McMahon, Bill Messenger, Greg McMahon, Pete Smallman and Bob Marshall. All the winners advance to the provincial competition in London this April. (Staff)

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Today in Kent

bridge played Wednesday at the Maple City Senior Centre included ladies' winner Win McCubbin and men's Roy Kett.

Alice Hanson took ladies' first at Thursday's progressive euchre. Ladies' second went to Win Babcock; men's first to Ross Allard and second to Ed Guyett; tally one, Rose Ann Martin and tally two, Verna Henry.

Dart finals

Chatham Branch 628B won the Zone A3 Legion Dart League "A" Division championship Wednesday night and Bothwell Branch 252 took the "B" Division crown to wrap up the season's play.

Branch 628B edged Chatham Branch 28B 20-19 in the final, after holding an 11-10 edge in a home-and-home series.

Bothwell had a 10-8 edge in the home-and-home series, and won the final over Merlin Branch 465B 19-17.

Eighth

Wilfred "Boomer" Harding of Chatham Legion Branch 628 placed eighth the Ontario playdowns of the National Dart Federation of Canada held recently in Ottawa.

Harding will now represent Ontario in the Canadian finals in Toronto May 28 to 30.

Legion 3rd Annual Dart-A-Thon

On Sunday, February 2, 1975, Branch 252 Bothwell held its 3rd Annual Dart-a-thon, with this years event turning out to be the largest and most successful yet. Forty-six teams, each consisting of two ladies and two men participated in the day long tournament for a total of $460 cash and consolation prizes. Some of the areas represented were Blyth, Brantford. Sarnia, Watford and Stratford.

Branch 252 Bothwell was represented by five teams and came away with $200 of the prize money.

The winners of the Lather Bros. trophy and the Grand Cash Prize of $125 was a local team. This group, captained by Wayne Johnston, included his wife Nancy, Mother-in-law, Edna Fisher and Brother-in-law Bill Fisher.

Second prize of $75 went to Wilfred "Boomer" Harding and his team from Branch 28, Chatham; Third prize of $50 went to Peter Smallman of Branch 578 Windsor, Ron Kelly, and Betty Sue and Frank Ricica of Branch 252, Bothwell; Fourth prize of $25 went to Dick Warwick, Jack Robertson, June Johnston and Ann Lunn of Branch 252; Fifth prize of $20 went to Johnny DeBruyne and teammates of Glenmeyer, Carl Le Conte of Branch 447 Corunna and James O'Neill of AN & AF 227, London.

Winners of Corby's Glasses in the Consolation Round with 36 teams playing were George Oster of Blyth and Isadore Volkaert of Straffordville, Branch 81, Aylmer.

Cahs prizes of $10 each were presented to the lady and

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WIN DART TROPHY - Shown accepting the Dart Trophy from Jim and Nev Lather, centre, of Lather Bros. T. V. Radio and Appliances, are Bill Fisher, Mrs. Edna Fisher, at left and Mrs. Nancy Johnston and Wayne Johnston at right. This team was declared the winning team at the recent Legion Dart Tournament held at the Legion Hall. (Staff Photo)

BOTHWELL TIMES

When the supporters had settled down and the newspaper photographers had finished taking their P.R. shots of the finalists of the ladies and mens singles, the best of order prevailed over the room. The only sounds were the voice of Tony Bockman and the thud of darts hitting their mark.

With the call from Tony, "Game on", the Ladies final got under way. Doreen Loughran (Oshawa), last year's singles winner, and Rani Gill (Hamilton) were the two contenders. Doreen took the first shot, starting off strong with an eighty-one (81). But Rani, getting stronger by the shot, threw a ton forty (140) midway in the first game. Finishing on double seven, she took away Doreen's advantage. The second game was Rani's all the way, throwing her second 140 on her way to an eighteen dart 401.

When Rani started off her third game with another 140, it seemed the upset was in the cards. Doreen fought back with a late rally, but just fell short, having difficulty with her doubles. Rani brought the crowd to their feet as she took out double five - first dart! A new Ontario Ladies Singles Champion was crowned!

First Throw - 3 of 5

Doreen Loughran		Rani Gill	
i			
81	320	41	360
85	235	85	275
60	175	140	135
45	130	30	105
71	59	26	79
35	24	39	40
	15	20	
		6	
		x7	
ii			
41	360	60	341
25	335	55	286
62	273	140	146
85	188	40	106
36	152	74	32
60	92	16	16
		8	
		x4	
iii			
25	376	140	261
28	348	45	216
52	296	60	156
T	196	40	116
85	111	40	76
46	65	56	20
61	4	10	10
		x5	

With the Men's Singles final started, the crowd was expecting super darts to be thrown, after the ladies having set the pace. But a lot of mumbles and grumbles could be heard when it took 23 darts to finish off the first game. Peter Davidson took the game, not letting Bob Sinnaeve even get a shot at a double. But the mumbles turned to voices, saying, "Bobby's got him now." Bob took the second and third games in 18 and 17 dart 501's. I guess no one told Peter he should fall apart after such a show. He came back and took the next two games in 18 and 17 darts. In another 18 dart game, Peter upset Canada's #1 player over the past three years; taking out 84: 20-14-BULL! Peter deserves a lot of credit for his victory, As you can see by the scores shown below, both Peter and Bob threw some super darts.

Good luck and Good darts.

MENS' SINGLES
1. Peter Davidson
2. Bob Sinnaeve
3. Bob Dupuis
4. Stan Williams
5. Nigel Hyde
6. Mike Mutambirwa
7. Wilf Harding
8. Avtar Gill

LADIES' SINGLES
1. Rani Gill
2. Doreen Lochran
3. Ann Grace
4. Debbie Gray
5. Sharon McGeon
6. Stephanie Garrison
7. Ann Dick
8. Irene Doohan

MIXED DOUBLES
1. Ron Birchall & Irene Doohan
2. Gerda Madsen & Jerry Strachan
3. Nigel Hyde & Pamela Palmer
4. Bill Knox & Kathy Karn

First Throw - 4 of 7

Peter Davidson		Bob Sinneave	
55	446	60	441
54	392	40	401
T	292	59	342
41	251	85	257
60	191	60	197
137	54	96	101
22	32	41	60
2nd dart			
59	442	97	404
43	399	97	307
95	304	140	167
59	245	60	107
41	204	43	64
		3 x 16	
		8	
		x4	
28	473	95	406
T	373	22	384
T	273	T	284
83	190	99	185
44	146	135	50
T	46	10	
		x20	
30	471	60	441
T	371	60	381
T	271	T	281
95	176	81	200
T	76	T	100
20		76	24
16			
x20			
76	425	60	441
95	330	41	400
61	269	T	300
85	184	60	240
140	44	140	100
8			
x18			
85	416	T	401
59	357	T	301
135	222	60	241
41	181	T	141
97	84	55	86
20		37	49
14			
BULL			

R. Sheridan

The supporters were still buzzing twenty minutes after the finish.

National Darts Federation Championships

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This year saw another significant piece of re-structuring in the mens and ladies events. The four person team was phased out as a recognizable part of the Championships. In fact, it had not really existed as such for a couple of years because the teams of four had played only singles and doubles in the round robin sections. It was also very time consuming and had, on a number of occasions in the past, extended play until the early hours of the morning. A further improvement was the introduction of the '2 out of 3' format in both singles and doubles round robins: in this way a little extra 'pressure' was inserted into the play because each round was being played for a match win rather than game points.

Saturday Morning

Saturday morning saw the last eight in each event battling for a place in the semi-finals on stage. The game is never easy at this level but by now the standard was approaching world class, particularly in the mens events. The scene was set for the semi-finals and final of each event to be played out on-stage: CTV's film camera crews were in place; Tony Green, the world's number 1 referee/caller from London, England was on-hand; Ollie Croft, Scretary General of the World Darts Federation was there to help direct the cameras and act as an official observer; John Meade of Britain's Yorkshire Television, and the first producer to really put darts on British TV, was there to help CTV's production team; and, most important of all, 800 hootin' hollerin' darts enthusiast fans were in their seats waiting for it all to happen. The NDFC's dream of presenting darts as a spectator sport was about to come true. And so it was, with cameras almost literally up to their armpits, that Canada's players really turned it on.

Ladies Doubles

In the ladies doubles, Bernice Jordon and Amy Earle of Newfoundland took the gold medal by beating Liz Chammartin and Norma Yanot of Manitoba in the final; losing semi-finalists were Molly Scoffield and Jane Barclay of New Brunswick and Manon Imbault and Blanche Bedard of Quebec. The ladies singles saw Stacy Walker of Alberta beat last years champion, Rani Gill of Ontario, in the final; Avril Kirby (BC) and Amy Earle (Newfoundland) were losing semi-finalists. Stacy's win books her seat to the Women's World Singles Championship in London, England, in December.

In the mens doubles came the big surprise - to everyone that is except Quebec - when Richard Drolet and Richard Dassylva took the gold medal by beating Tony Holyoake and Greg Lazaruk of Alberta.

The two Richards beat the Newfoundland pair of Bob Milley and Harry Pope in the semi-finals whilst the Alberta pair beat Bob Sinnaeve and Frank Varley of Ontario.

By this stage, the men play best of 3 sets with each set being the best of 3 legs or games. In most darts tournaments, the mens singles event is usually looked upon as that which will produce the fiercest competition and therefore it is the most prestigeous. Well the 1983 NDFC National mens singles event certainly followed that tradition.

The final was contested by Chipper MacKinnon of Nova Scotia, who beat Tony Holyoake of Alberta in ths semi-final, and Bob Sinnaeve of Ontario who beat Richard Drolet of Quebec in this semi-final. Chipper took the first leg of the first set but Bob came back to take the next two to go one set up.

Shooting Well

The second set saw Sinnaeve shoot tremendously well but he couldn't finish; MacKinnon doesn't say ' no' to that kind of treatment and he took the second set 2 straight, including an 18 dart second leg, to even things up. The first leg of the last set went to MacKinnon in 20 darts and Sinnaeve looked like he was in trouble: second leg to Sinnaeve in 21 darts and it was all on the final leg of the third set. With Chipper requiring 111 after 15 darts each in the final leg, Bob took out 86 to finish an 18 dart leg and take the National title.

Tremendously Successful

Mr. William Bourne - Senior Vice-President of Carling O'Keefe Breweries presented the award to all the winners on CTV's "Wide World of Sports".

All-in-all, a tremendously successful National Championship which must have impressed the NDFC's National sponsors Carling O'Keefe, McGuinness and Panasonic. Big time darts with TV coverage can only become a reality with the support of corporate sponsors of this calibre and the NDFC must be very pleased with the way things went.

Call the Stations

By the way, if you did not see the TV shows, call your local CTV network stations and ask for a repeat. If you did see them, call anyway and demand more darts - theres a lot of you out there so make sure your voices are heard

By Tony Bockman

Full Results:

Mixed Doubles:
1. S. Walker/T. Holyoake (Alta)
2. R. Gill/A. Gill (Ont)
3. L. Poirier/B. Barrett (NB)
4. P. Oxenforth/D. Halliburton (Alta)
5. L. Kavanheh/J.Ralph (Nfld)
6. G. Taylor/I.Patten (Nfld)
7. M. Imbault/J-G Beaulieu (Que)
8. L. Frith/J.Hagel (BC)
9. B. Bedard/R. Drolet (Que)
10. S. Leggott/R. Bisard (BC)
11. S. Holyoake/H. Brazil (Alta)
12. G. Trmbley/R. Dassylva (Que)
13. M. Foley/T. Foley (Nfld)
14. S. McCullogh/A. Odegard (BC)
15. P. Delafosse/D. Gore (Que)
16. D. White/B. Milley (Nfld)

Ladies Doubles:
1. B. Jordan/A. Earle (Nfld)
2. L. Charnnartin/N. Yanot (Man)
3. M. Imbault/B. Bedard (Que)
4. M. Scoffield/J.Barclay (NB)
5. F.Kennedy/L.Frith (BC)
6. C. Taylor/J. Chiasson (Nfld)
7. R. Gill/J. Henderson (Ont)
8. D. Shiwack/C. Meaney (Nfld)

Ladies Singles:
1. S. Walker (Alta)
2. R. Gill (Ont)
3. A. Kirby (BC)
4. A. Earle (Nfld)
5. C. Taylor (Nfld)
6. J. Henderson (Ont)
7. B. Jordan (Nfld)
8. L. Demarchant (NB)
9. R. Rogers (Ont)
10. G. Barnes (Ont)
11. K. Morrish (Man)
12. F. Kennedy (BC)
13. A. McIntyre (Ont)
14. L. McRoberts (Man)
15. D. Shiwack (Nfld)
16. T. Phillps (NS)

Mens Doubles:
1. R. Drolet/R. Dassylva (Que)
2. T. Holyoake/G. Lazaruk (Alta)
3. B. Milley/H. Pope (Nfld)
4. R. Sinnaeve/F. Varley (Ont)
5. I. Patten/T. Foley (Nfld)
6. B. Dupuis/R. Kippari (Ont)
7. J. McLellan/C. MacKinnon (NS)
8. A. Parke/N. Swales (Man)

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2. C. MacKinnon (NS)
3. T. Holyoake (Alta)
4. R. Drolet (Que)
5. R. Kippari (Ont)
6. F. Varley (Ont)
7. I. Patten (Nfld)
8. A. Odegard (BC)
9. H. Pope (Nfld)
10. H. Haley (NS)
11. J. McLellan (NS)
12. L. Surette (NS)
13. B. Steinke (BC)
14. J-G Beaulieu (Que)
15. W. Harding (Ont)
16. G. Lazaruk (Alta)

N.D.F.C. Ontario CHAMPIONSHIP 1984

In Toronto on the weekend of the Ontario championships I read with interest the article in **Dart & Pub News** by Owen Hunt and W. Kirby from British Columbia who mentioned the ''shock'' of some previous years team members not qualifying for the Provincial team.

Owen Hunt, in his article made reference to a Quebec team that is well balanced between veterans and new-comers.

Ironically, the same two items above apply in Ontario as well. Many people were shocked when three veterans, Ray Kippari, Bob Dupuis and Wilf Harding did not win a berth on the Ontario team. On the other hand, the Ontario team led by Rani Gill and Bob Sinnaeve are strongly supported by a good mix of veterans and promising newcomers.

The Ontario Championship Tournament was the culmination of a frustrating year for the Ontario Executive and I want to express my thanks to everybody that helped try to ease the work load during the year and at the tournament.

A very special thanks is extended to Keith Timms, our Tournament Director, for the many long hours he spent setting up and operating the Provincial Championships. The section co-ordinators who worked diligently on our behalf running our round robin sections all day Saturday and Sunday morning; deserve a lot of thanks for helping during the championships. Our thanks also go to Tony, J.J., Dave Holmes and Rob Hilts for their excellent stage work during the semi-finals and finals.

''The old and the new'' - No prize for guessing which one is which!!! John Rogers, a founding member of the N.D.F.C. opened the Ontario finals with youth champion, Natalie Madsen.

A special thank-you is also extended to Carling O'Keefe and McGuinness for their support.

Even the people who were critical of some of our policies deserve our thanks because it shows that they are concerned with the workings of the Ontario Chapter. We might not necessarily agree with your approach but we do welcome your input.

Finally, to all the competitors in the Province of Ontario, we thank you for affiliating, and competing and we wish you the best of luck with your darting endeavours in the 1984-85 season.

Frank Hignell
President Ontario Chapter, N.D.F.C.

Avtar and Rani Gill receive their trophies from representatives of **Carling O'Keefe Brewers**, and **McGuinness Distillers**, after winning the mixed doubles.

Mixed Doubles
John McKechnie & Cathy Shields
Rani Gill & Avtar Gill
Jerry Strachan & Laurie Neville
Graeme Ross-Smith & Rhonda Smith.

Mens Singles
Bob Sinnaeve
Tom Martin
Roger Crawford
Jeff Noble
Tom Pinke
Dave Green
Frank Varley
Ken Henderson

Top 8 Ladies
Rani Gill
Elspeth Kean
Heather Oliver
Sheila Duguay
Carol Greenwood
Irene Doohan
Rowella Bishop
Maureen Evans

Olympic awards, certificates presented to local individuals

LOCAL MEDALISTS -- Local athletes from Dresden, Camden Township and Chatham Township were among those honoured at the local Celebration '88 program on Friday night at the arena. In the front row are Joanne Johnston (left), Chatham: Taunya Richardson, Dresden; Laura Lee Smith, Camden. Back row: Wilfred "Boomer" Harding, Chatham; Ken Houston, Dresden; Jim Brewer, accepting for his father Francis "Red" Brewer, Camden.

(Staff Photo - Jeffrey Carter)

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Harding and Joanne Johnston from Chatham Township, Ken Houston and Taunya Richardson from Dresden and Francis "Red" Brewer and Laura Lee Smith from Camden Township.

Harding, 72, excelled in baseball, hockey, track and field, darts, soccer and basketball. He was with the Chatham All-Stars when they won the 1934 Ontario Baseball Association "B" championship. He also acted as a referee and umpire until 1978.

Johnston, 21, is an all-round athlete, participating in basketball, volleyball, slow-pitch, fastball and floor hockey. She had been awarded the St. Clair College "female athlete of the year award" and was an all-Ontario college basketball player.

Houston grew up in Dresden and spent much of his developing years in the Dresden minor hockey organization. He eventually reached the National Hockey League, playing for the Atlanta Flames, Calgary Flames and Los Angeles Kings, for a total of 11 years. Today he coaches the senior Chatham Maroons.

Richardson established herself as the finest athlete from the Lambton-Kent Composite School. Among many other accomplishments, she was a track finalist at SWOSSA.

Brewer was an excellent catcher and an all-round great baseball player from the area. He played inter-county had a a pro tryout in the United States. As the Dresden arena manager, he was a major contributor to local amateur sports.

Smith was a resident of Wabash until her marriage last year. She enthusiastically participates in many amateur sports including baseball, volleyball, basketball, golf and cross-country skiing.

Volunteers, Coaches Officials, Sponsors

Medals were also handed to others for achievement in the area volunteer work, coaching, officiating and sponsorship.

Charlie and Bertha Eastcott of Chatham Township received medals for their volunteer work. The couple donated the land for the Cloverleaf Stadium over 25 years ago. Charlie has worked long hours maintaining the park and has played and coached there as well.

Volunteer medal winner Marion Stevens of Dresden has been co-ordinator and coach of bowling in Dresden for years. Without her, bowling in Dresden would be a much less significant sport.

Camden resident Nancy Hughson received a medal for her years of volunteer work. Hughson has been involved with the Dresden Minor Hockey Mothers, has been a director of the Dresden Agricultural Society, and is deeply involved in church activities.

Kenneth "Huck" Johnston of Chatham Township, a medal recepient for his coaching, has for years coached minor hockey and baseball. His playing career spans 30 years and Johnston is closely involved with the Wallaceburg Lakers and the Wallaceburg Capitals.

Coaching medal winner Euart Godfrey of Dresden has worked hard as a minor hockey coach. He's currently president of Dresden Minor Hockey and has also coached basketball players at St. Michael's School.

Coaching medal winner Bob Hart of Camden Township has been involved with minor ball in Thamesville since the 1970's. His first team was a travel Tyke team. In 1982 his Bantams won the Ontario Baseball Association championship.

Receiving a medal for officiating was Bob Copeland of Chatham Township. For years Copeland has given his time to the Kent Bridge Minor Ball Association, umpiring and serving as equipment manager.

Coaching medal recipient Don Brooker of Dresden exemplifies the type of person who holds Dresden hockey together. Brooker has coached and managed at the minor level for years and has been an official with the Junior Kings since the early 1970's.

Walter McFadden of Camden Township lives and breathes baseball. McFadden, the recipient of a officiating medal, coached and umpired ball in Dresden for years. He was a locally famous catcher and had a pro-tryout in the United States.

Fred McGrail of McGrail Farm Equipment has sponsored sports in Chatham Township for over 20 years. Locally famous are the men's fastball team, know as McGrail Farm Equipment, in the Kent County League.

Nabisco Brands (Aylmer) was given a sponsorship medal for their contributions to the development of minor sports' programs. People often take their many sponsorships for granted but Nabisco Brands are indeed much appreciated.

Lloyd Northcott's company, Dresden Farm Equipment, has sponsored the Dresden Lumberkings for 11 years. They've also sponsored the girls' softball and hockey teams. Northcott was presented with a medal.

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Chatham man recognized for 55 years of athletic achievement and ability

A LIFETIME OF SPORTS ACHIEVEMENT – is evident everywhere in the home of Wilfred "Boomer" Harding, 72. His recent "Olympic gold" award was just another addition to his trophy collection which points to a lifetime of accomplishments in a variety of sports from hockey to darts. Boomer is one of the only 18 recipients of the Olympic award in Chatham Township.

Peter Epp

For Wilfred "Boomer" Harding, it was a proud moment. He was among those individuals who received an Olympic-type award in early February, a tribute to his athletic accomplishments over the years.

The gold-coloured medallion, strung with a red ribbon, hangs proudly in the Harding household in Chatham Township, flanked by dozens and dozens of other trophies the 72-year-old has been awarded with during his lifetime. They point to his athletic prowess in baseball, soccer, hockey and darts.

Of the latter, Boomer still throws darts; and almost every gleaming trophy in the Harding showcase is a tribute to an accomplishment associated with that sport.

But Boomer is perhaps best known for baseball and hockey. He was a member of the Chatham Coloured All-Stars when they won the Ontario Baseball Association's Intermediate 'B' championship in 1934. Not only was the team the first black baseball team to win the title, but the Coloured All-Stars were also the first Chatham team to bring a provincial title back home to the Maple City.

Boomer easily recalls those days. The Coloured All-Stars were organized in 1933 at Sterling Park in the city. They played softball, but then switched to baseball. Boomer played first base, but on occasion played outfield. In later years he also played the catcher's position, and managed the team.

In the provincial championship game, the Coloured All-Stars were pitted against a baseball team from Penentang, Ont., whose pitcher, Phil Marshaldon, later threw for the Philadephia Phillies. Penentang's pitcher, however, couldn't keep back the Chatham squad.

Boomer played with the All-Stars for about three seasons.

He was born in Chatham, and at an early age developed a keen interest in all types of sports. His knickname came from a popular newspaper comic character at the time. Boomer says almost nobody knows him as Wilfred.

He married a Dover Township girl in 1940, Joy Handsor, but soon joined the war effort. However, Boomer's war career is unlike most other veterans'; he played sports.

"I signed up at Chatham, but some major from a London regiment saw my name, and soon I was playing hockey in London for an army team there. Later, I was stationed at Kingston and played hockey there."

During his Kingston days, Boomer played against many of the hockey pros, including Syl Apps. Although it has been over 45 years, Boomer easily describes a particular play during a hockey game. "You can't forget playing the professionals," he explained.

Boomer was overseas in Britain for about two years, but found that he played baseball and hockey for the Canadian Army. He was given preferential treatment by the commanders so he could play hockey, sometimes as much as six nights a week.

"I loved it," he says today. "It was sports all the time."

However, Boomer did put down his stick long enough to be part of the occupational forces in Holland following the Allies' victory. He returned to Canada in 1946.

It wasn't too long after his return that Boomer played soccer for a team sponsored by Br. 28 of the Royal Canadian Legion. The team beat a Brantford squad one year to win the Ontario soccer title.

During those post-war years, Boomer also played hockey, and was a centre forward for the Windsor Staffords for two seasons. The Staffords played home games in both Windsor and Detroit. During one of these two seasons, Boomer's team won the season but lost the Ontario-Michigan amateur hockey title.

Over the years Boomer has also been involved with track and field, basketball, as well as coaching and umpiring.

In recent years, however, his focus of attention has been drawn to darts, an activity he's been involved with for over 40 years. As a member of the Legion-sponsored team, he's thrown darts at tournaments in Las Vegas, Chicago, Detroit, Philadelphia and Florida.

As for the Olympic award he received in early February, Boomer was one of 18 Chatham Township residents recognized by the municipality for their contribution to the community, either through athletics or through other achievements.

A retired postman these days, Boomer and Joy live in a comfortable mobile home located in Chatham Township's St. Clair Estate, immediately north of the North Maple Mall. They have one son, as well as two grandchildren. And Boomer happily acknowledges that his grandson is active in Chatham's minor hockey league.

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Along The Lanes

BOWLING 24 Sept 47

WITH

Doug. Scurr

Most leagues got underway last week and already we have two nice scores which might stand high for quite some time before they are beaten. Even if they are topped shortly they are worth remembering and worth shooting at. One is Ernie Locke's 241 in the Bowl-O-Drome City 10-Pin loop and the other is Gord Peters' 334 in the City Industrial Five Pin at Monta Lanes. Ernie had to be good to record his for he was given plenty of competition and wound up with a 55½ tohind him in the same loop tal. N. McKellar was closebewith 526, including a 216 game.

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Peters rolled his high in a circuit which promises to be one of the smartest in the city and one which has already drawn much comment. He wound up with a 744 tossing 208 and 202 besides his 334. Shermans gave word they will be tough to beat in the Monta Lanes Industrial by spilling a total of 3088 pins. D. Williams was tops for the team with 701. Other good totals were D. Kusch 729, and G. Powell, 679.

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Doug Conley, who did some nice pitching for Ontario Steel in the Industrial Softball League, kept right on pitchin' last week to top the plant league at the Bowl-O-Drome with 528. C. Hancock was next in line wih 483 followed by H. Dunlop and W. Harper, both with 470. Incidentally, the Steel has no less than 24 teams in action this season, 16 tossing five-pins and eight using the big balls . . . They should have some nice softball hurlers next summer to give Doug a helping hand.

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The ladies opened their 10-pin circuits and although the scores weren't high, there wasn't any lack of enthusiasm Over at the Bowl-O-Drome, M. Robinson was high with 459 total. While at Monta Lanes it was W. Weaver with 427. Mary Piche rolled a 409 including a 183 single.

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Goodman's five-pins registered some nice totals on their first night, C. Jacklin heading the parade with 712. N. Alway punished the maples for 688, H. Coupland, 65[illegible] and D. Armaly, A. Taylor and C. Cook 637. T. McPhee had his sights right in the Baptist Church five-pin circuit, hitting 620 while Max Dunop wasn't far off the pace, rolling 593. M. Beausejour racked up a couple of 200 games to wind up with 562 in the C.D.S. loop while K. Tomlinson was only six pins behind. The "[illegible]py Gang" league started its sixth consecutive season with Bill McGregor topping the list. He had 597 for three, defeating Sally Moon who totalled 589. Al Osman had little trouble with American Pad, hitting 689, Bob Laurie being his closest rival, 646. Lyle Patterson, 611 and Albert Andrews, 601, were others at the Pad to average over the 200 mark. Jack Bedford rolled a healthy 666 with Campbell and Kelly Decorators, Eric Haynes taking the runner-up spot with 574. M. Weldon topped Chrysler girls with 624 beating out Bessie Thackeray, 593 J. Arnold 582 and E. Adams 501. The Bowl-O-Drome Five-Pin League showed some neat results in their opening games, J. Spearman topping them with 695. J. Kemp, 685, J. Fiddes, 654, L. Corriveau, 649, F. Murray, 643 and E. Carroll 643 were other good scores.

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For the second week in a row, Edna Sprague topped the Ladies Commercial five-pinners at the Chatham Bowling Academy, spilling the maples for 568. F. Brown and K. Galvin were next in line with 541 and 538 respectively. Edna also rolled a neat 247 single. "Boomer" Harding really carried the mail in the Postal loop at the Academy rolling a three-game 661 total including two singles of 231 and 277. Binga and French were deadlocked for the runner-up slot with a 502 total. Tasker picked off a nice single, 234 but none could touch the "Boomer".

Horseshoe Honors Won By Branch 28

A 16-man team from Branch 28 Legion outpitched St. Marys by the narrowest of margins, five points, to win the second of a home-and-home horseshoe throwing competition at the Branch 28 Legion's horsehose pits Saturday.

The Chatham contingent scored 692 points to St. Marys' 697. Early in September St. Marys had whipped the Chathamites at home.

Saturday's competition was divided into two half hour time periods. St. Marys had held a 16 point margin going into the final half.

St. Marys also had two championship pitchers on their team. They were Fred Harburn, 13 times Canadian champion, and Red Martin reigning 1964 Royal Canadian Legion Provincial champion.

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PROVINCIAL CHAMPION RED MARTIN SHOWS WINNING GRIP . . . As Boomer Harding, Jack Seney And Fred Harburn Look On

Top Canadian Wins At Legion Tournament

July 19, 1971

To no one's surprise, Elmer Hohl, of Wellesley retained his "A" class title at the Ontario Horseshoe Players' Association championships, held Saturday and Sunday at the Branch 28, Royal Canadian Legion pits on St. Clair St.

Hohl, 52, received his indoctrination into the sport at the age of 14, but was inactive for 25 years until 1958 when he was persuaded to enter a tournament at Richmond Hill. Since then he has been all but invincible.

He has won Canadian honors 11 times, and is reigning Canadian champion. In a six year span from 1961 to 1966 he was unbeaten for national honors.

In 1961, his first year in world competition, he was runner-up. His consistent over-80 ringer percentage carried him to World's championships in 1965 and 1968. His won-lost mark was in 1968 35-0 and ringer percentage, a record 88.5.

Observers agreed that Ken Smith of Monkton is the only one around who can compete on Hohl's level. The champion had a 13-0 record at the Chatham event with Smith right behind, owning a 12-1 mark.

Held last year at Wellesley, the home of the champion, the 1971 event was acquired for Chatham through the efforts Branch 28 president Bob McMullen, sports officer Wally Martin, Legion zone sports officer Boomer Harding and Carl Summerfield, president of the Chatham Horseshoe Association O'Keefe brewery was co-sponsor with the Legion

MANY COMPETE

Many sections of Ontario were represented by 76 competitors at the tournament including Sudbury, the scene of next year's Ontario classic.

Placing third in the "A" section behind Elmer Hohl and Ken Smith, was Jack Wilson of London.

Bruno Toneguzzof of Guelph suffered one loss in 13 games played to top the "B" section. George Harbusin, Staffa placed second and Cecil Taylor of Melbourne was third over Reg (Smoke) Langton because his 50.3 ringer average was higher.

Sarnia's Ken Drury Jr. was best in the "C" division. Second was Lloyd Markle, Guelph and Armand Shantz, Heidelberg placed third. Carl Summerfield, Chatham was seventh among 14 contestants.

Class "D" honors went to Jim Hillson of Kitchener, followed by Ken Emms, London, and John Anderson.

Moody Ogen of Sarnia was "E" class winner after defeating J. Plamondon in a playoff.

Ellsworth Crawford of Minesing, near Barrie, won senior laurels but only after a playoff with Lloyd Venner from Hensall. A 76-year-old veteran of horseshoe pitching wars, Crawford has been generally regarded as Ontario's best senior competitor, for several years.

Mrs. Marjorie Smith of Erie Beach won five straight games to become the first winner in provincial ladies' horseshoe pitching. Bev Ellis, Big Point came second and R. Zorri, Guelph was third.

Doug Zinger, Maryhill swept his four games to collect Ontario Horseshoe Association honors as best junior. Bill Zinger, Ariss and Paul Zorrie, Guelph were next in line.

Prize money of $600 was distributed among the ranks, and winners were awarded luggage, lamps or beer steins.

Ontario and Canadian champion Hohl demonstrated his accuracy in a well-received post-competition display. Ken Smith, runner-up to Hohl in the "A" series showed his confidence in the champion by sitting on a stake while perfect ringers were tossed. Hohl also gave an exhibition of tossing ringers to the next pit.

Bill Christon, Toronto, head of the Ontario Horseshoe Players Association said the Canadian championships will be held at the CNE the third week of August. It is expected that several of those participating in the Ontario championships at Chatham will compete in the world tournament at Middlesex, New Jersey, August 1-14.

Through an oversight, Mr. Hohl failed to bring the Town Bowl trophy to the championships. However, since he won the "A" series title, the silverware won't have to be removed from the mantel.

London horseshoe tossers top talents

9 Aug 71

CHATHAM — London's Duchess of Kent branch horseshoe pitchers took top honors for the ninth year in a row Saturday in the Royal Canadian Legion District A meet.

Competition remained at an all-time high as players pitched in the shadow of the Ontario Opens, which were also held at Chatham's Branch 28 several weeks ago.

The event's organizer, Wally Robertson of Chatham, said after it was over, "I've never seen better horseshoes than were thrown here today."

Singles winner was Jack Wilson of London. He defeated Red Noble of Mount Brydges, who has held the honor for the past five years.

Joe Murray and Doug Grey, both of London, won the doubles for Duchess of Kent.

They downed Chatham's Wilfred Harding and Jerry Bechard.

Qualifying for provincial competition were Harding, Bechard, Gord Ellis and Carl Summerfield, all of Chatham.

Provincials will be held in Stratford Sept. 11.

HORSESHOES

Today In Kent

Honored

Kent County Board of Education trustee Richard Whittington received a plaque honoring his years of service to the Ontario Public School Trustees' Association at a meeting Tuesday.

The plaque, a copy of the original which hangs in the association's Toronto office, was awarded to only three trustees across the province. Whittington said his work in education has been a labor of love.

Win tourney

Chuck Perry and Jack Steves teammed up to win a horseshoe tournament at Tecumseh Park on the weekend, with Brian Campbell and Jack Goddall second, Al Wright and Boomer Harding third, in the tourney which drew 30 players.

Organizers plan on operating a Tuesday night league next summer, and interested players can sign up by calling Paul Jones (351-3764), Ray Mertz (352-2812) or John Bell (352-5364).

KENT RURAL LEAGUE—Fast, rugged hockey featured the opening game of the Ridgetown-East Kent Rural and Town Hockey League at Ridgetown Arena, Monday night. Three games will be played each Monday night with "Boomer" Harding, well-known Chatham athletes, calling the play. From the left are Bob Bailey, Morpeth; Boomer Harding and Buff Stewart, Blenheim.

(Star South Kent Bureau Photo by Bill Wood)

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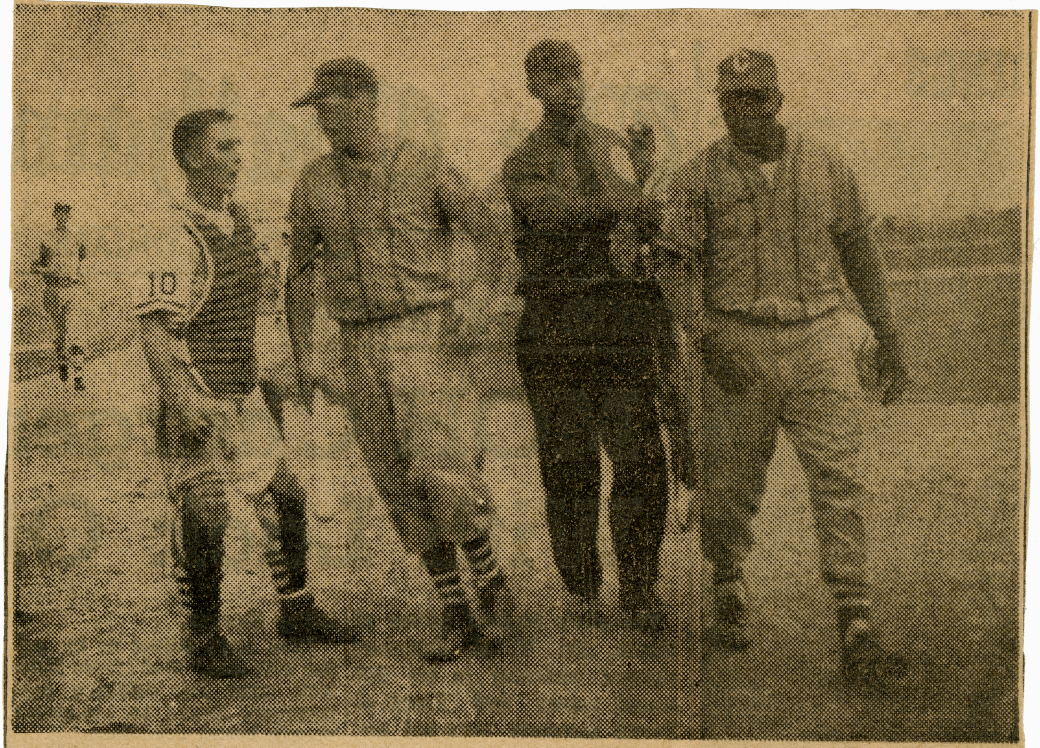
SOCCER SEASON OPENS ON TECUMSEH PARK

The 1952 soccer season of the Kent County Secondary Schools Athletic Association got underway for Chatham and Blenheim Collegiates on Tecumseh Park yesterday afternoon.

Top left picture, shows the centres getting last minute instructions from referee Boomer Harding. They are Blenheim's Sam Smith left and Chatham's Milton Gold.



SENIORS' Charlie Cooper (right) walks off the field after being ejected in the sixth inning. Umpire is Boomer Harding, while Lee Fox of Chatham is in front of 'Burg catcher Bucky Butterman. (Staff)

Seniors Win Fourth With Unearned Run

An unearned run in the bottom half of the seventh inning kept Chatham Seniors winning streak in the Western Counties Senior circuit alive last nught at Rotary Park as they edged Wallaceburg 4-3.

Chatham entered the seventh trailing 3-2, but came up with a pair of runs to pull the game out.

Ray Reaume pinch - hitting for Ron Haddock led off the inning with an infield single, and moved to second when the 'Burg third baseman threw the ball wide of first base. Reaume came home on a single by Mel Cross.

'Burg starting pitcher Larry Pettinger was pulled in favor of Bud Getty who got Jim McFarlane to pop up in a bunt attempt, but walked Gene Dziadura. George Montague filed out for the second out, but Bob Wright hit a ground ball to second baseman John Armitage who bobbled the ball, and retrieved it but couldn't make a play at second for the force or at first. Don Wakabayashi who was running for Cross, was off with the pitch and came home on the grounder, beating Armitage's throw to catcher Bucky Butterman with the wining run.

The win is the fourth in a row for the Seniors who dropped their only decision in the opening game of the season.

Fergie Jenkins went the route for Chatham to pick up the victory. He was tagged for seven hits while fanning ten and walking one. It is his first victory of the season.

Larry Pettinger started on the hill for Wallaceburg, with Getty coming on in the seventh. Pettinger allowed all Chatham's eight hits and was charged with the loss. He fanned eight and walked two.

EJECT COOPER

Chatham outfielder Chuck Cooper was ejected from the game in the sixth inning when he and pitcher Pettinger became involved in a fracas at home plate when Cooper scored on a wild pitch.

Wallacebung took a 2-0 lead in the second inning on consecutive singles by Carm Kahle, Pettinger and Ken Grant. They added their third run in the sixth on a single by Dick Nixon, an error, passed ball and sacrifice fly by Bucky Butterman.

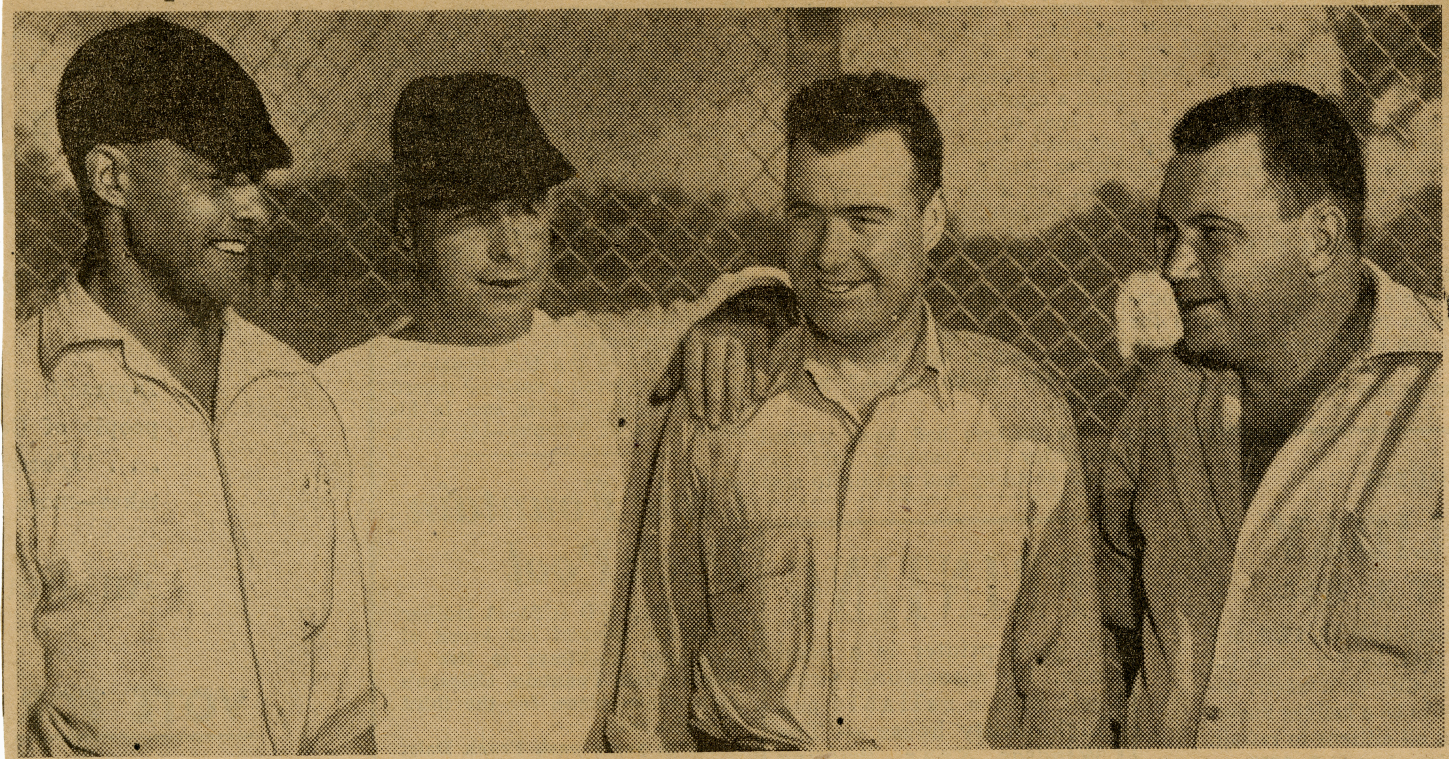
Chatham scored two runs in the sixth inning on singles by George Montague, Cooper an error, and the wild pitch.

Chuck Cooper sparked the eight-hit Chatham attack with a double and single in three trips before his ejection. Other Chatham hits, all singles, went to Mel Cross, Ed Kucera, George Montague, Fergie Jenkins, Lee Fox and Ray Reaume.

Mike Griffith collected a pair of singles to lead the Wallaceburg seven-hit attack. Other hits went to Ken Grant, Lowe

Sports

Umpires Needed When O.P.P. Tangles With Chatham City Police



Two teams of mighty men clashed last night in an exhibition softball game at Chatham's Lacroix Street Park. The Ontario Provincial Police detachment team trounced the Chatham City Police team, 19-11, in an error-riddled game which produced three home runs. Here, opposing captains are shown with the umpires prior to the game, left to right, Umpire Boomer Harding, Provincial Police Captain Bill Shepherd, Chatham City Police Captain Jack Crawford and Umpire Bill Little. 1953?

I Get Around

By Pete Jackman

OMHA President Herb Parker threw a rather amusing sidelight on the interest many of the small towns in the Province take toward any team from their community which might move toward a championship.

Speaking of classification in minor hockey, Mr. Parker told of an experience he had with a Juvenile "D" final, played last year in Listowel. The two teams came from communities of 500 or less, and the crowd which packed the arena for the final set a new record.

Speaking to the reeve of one of the communities after the game, the president congratulated him on the support the town had given the team.

The reeve replied, "I hope there's no bad fires at home tonight, because the brigade is all over here. Couldn't get them to stay at home."

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Umpire trouble has left the Senior City Softball League without arbitrators for the balance of their play-offs, unless some agreement can be reached between the loop and the Chatham Umpires' Association.

The grievances stem from the first game between Radio Cabs and Flyers, on Monday night, when plate umpire Boomer Harding sent Flyers' catcher Walt Zybura from the field because of an argument behind the plate.

Harding was not too pleased with the conversation, and when he reported it to the association, they decided to abandon umpiring in the senior loop.

In future years it might be to the advantage of the league to enforce a ruling which would bar a player thrown out of a game from playing the following three contests. In this way, the players might practice much greater discretion in their dealings with the officials, and the league would benefit as a result of it.

At the same time it showed the advantage of the Association, where such disputes could be easily ironed out without leaving any dissatisfaction among the groups.

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BESIDES THAT—The Baseball season will draw the curtain on its season here tonight, when the Squirt League complete their activities with an exhibition game under lights in Tecumseh Park, at 8:30 . . . The Peewees ended up their play-offs last night, with Athletics winning the title . . . . Registration in the Minor Hockey League will begin on Monday and continue for two weeks . . . . . Players may pick up application forms at either Bert Brown's Sport Shop, or Boyes and Herds . . . . The semi-finals in the Sportsmen's Trophy play is scheduled for Saturday, with Maple Leafs meeting Mitchell's Bay, and Ridgetown playing Dauw's Sales.

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BY BILL REDDICK

Everybody had a good time watching Four's Enough

NORTH BUXTON — Every year for the past 56 years, the village of North Buxton comes alive with the sounds of singing adults and playing children.

The tiny hamlet celebrates every Labor Day with a huge homecoming that brings families together, sometimes the only chance people have all year to see relatives.

They really whoop it up in North Buxton on the last long weekend of the summer and the old cliche, 'A goodtime was had by all' is a very good way of describing things.

Color Your World of the Chatham Industrial Fastball League added something special to this year's annual celebration when they booked in California's Four's Enough, a barnstorming fastball team with just four players, for an exhibition game at North Buxton Park Monday.

Four's Enough rivals the king of the barnstormers, Eddie Feigner and his fabulous King and His Court team, which has been beating the daylights out of nine-man teams for over 20 years.

The California squad, fashioned two years ago by leaders Rick and Ron Rupp, hope to one day take over where Feigner leaves off. It has been a dream of the founding brothers to have a travelling team of four men since they were youngsters and they put on quite a show in North Buxton Monday.

"We saw King and His Court play in California and both my brother and myself have thought about such a team for quite some time," Rick Rupp explained while warming up for the North Buxton game. "We put the team together last year with friends we've played baseball with all our lives and got a lot of help from our dad Lanny."

Four's Enough hail from Long Beach, Calif. and were signed by Trino Palacios the booking agent of the California Cuties, an all-girl barnstorming team.

The Rupps' idea for the team was helped along by their father Lanny, who has been involved with fastball for two decades in Long Beach and who managed the Lakewood Jets to the International Softball Congress world title in 1973.

With their father's financial backing and Palacios' booking knowledge, Four's Enough set out on the road with their trick pitches, trick plays, trick fielding and throwing to provide light comedy and good wholesome family entertainment for people of all ages.

The team plays upwards of 120 games in the summer, throughout Canada and the United States. Rick Rupp said plans are under way now for tours of New Zealand and Australia later on this year.

Rupp's longterm plans include taking over from Feigner, when the old boy retires, and that shouldn't pose too much of a problem since all of Four's Enough players average in age around 23.

Both outstanding athletes and both handling the pitching chores, although Ron, the elder statesman of the two, does most of the tossing, while Rick handles shortstop.

Ron dazzles batters with a wide variety of pitches. He shoots them in at different speeds, over his back, under his legs, blindfolded and blows a mean pitch in from second base. His bat does some talking also, as witnessed Monday when he hit the first pitch of the game deep into left field.

The next time up, still in the first inning, Ron sent another blast into deep cornfield. In the fifth inning he hit a grand slam that put Four's Enough ahead for good. It was his 110th circuit blow of the year. "Actually I've hit 102 but I don't count the ones I hit against the girls team," he remarked.

Rick patrols the left side of the infield and moves quicker than any shortstop in the major leagues. He had a rough day at the plate only hitting a triple and three singles.

Rick Hughes plays on the right side of the infield and is equally as fast as Rick Rupp. The team cheerleader, Hughes, kept up his end by mouthing off at umpire Wilford 'Boomer' Harding and even changed positions with Boomer, giving him a walk in the fifth that represented the first run of Ron Rupp's grand slam.

Ralph Castillo, the catcher and the quiet one of the team, had a sprained ankle and did not bat.

With all the clowning around and no outfielders, Four's Enough downed Color Your World 9-8. Rick Rupp admitted the team was not at its peak but they still played well enough to win.

J. C. Dudley lofted a long homer off of Ron Rupp in the second and hit another solo shot in the fifth. Shawn Henderson cracked a homer in the fifth just ahead of Dudley and the rest of the hits were mainly ground rule doubles. With no outfield, Four's Enough set up traffic pylons around the outfield and any ball rolling past them was ruled a double.

Rick Tarcea, John Brooks, Leon Brooks, Paul Dudley and J. C. Dudley cracked doubles in that manner.

The game attracted a huge crowd and everyone was entertained by the Four's antics. It was a great way to spend a sunny Labor Day afternoon and truly, a good time was had by all.

J. C. DUDLEY OF CYW SLIDES SAFELY INTO THIRD
...ahead of Rick Rupp's tag in North Buxton Monday

Finding umpires increasingly tough task

Baseball, fastball, slow pitch.

While the three summer pastimes have their differences, there is one constant all three need to function properly.

No, it's not coaches, managers or even players. What all three need is umpires. Those oftimes-maligned individuals who give up their time for the good of the game, and in some cases their wallets.

You have to have coaches and players, of course, but without umpires the games are reduced to sandlot status. Plenty of fun, but little organization.

It is the umpire who keeps control and makes league play feasible. Without them, there are no leagues, associations or championships to play for.

In This Corner

By ANDY JOHNSTON

But the number of umpires in this area, in all three sports is dwindling, to drastic proportions in some cases.

While fastball and slow pitch leagues are just barely keeping pace with the number of games they have to officiate, area baseball leagues suffering, especially at the junior and senior level.

"Right now there's just nobody that will do it," said Al Alward, manager of the Chatham Copperfields Diamonds of the Western Counties Senior Baseball League. "I've checked in Windsor, Wallaceburg and Sarnia and nobody is willing to send umpires.

"Finding any umpire is really hard, they're all doing fastball or slow pitch, nobody wants to do baseball anymore."

There is presently no local umpires association for baseball, minor or otherwise, leaving teams to make do with people they can find on their own. Chatham Minor Baseball Association runs a clinic at the start of each year to card as many umpires as they can, but the number never meets the need.

"It's been a real thorn in our side," said CMBA president Peter Cobb. "It's a problem minor baseball is going to have to deal with in the future. We offer a course every year through the OBA (Ontario Baseball Association) and try to scratch and claw to get umpires."

The lack of an umpire-in-chief has also hampered the local minor association, leaving the job of finding umpires up to coaches and convernors. And that is a task which is becoming increasingly time consuming.

"I've been doing all right, but it's time consuming for the coach," said Larry Lahey, coach of the McDonald's Peewee travel team. "I've always been able to get them, but the system just isn't right. If we had an umpire-in-chief and pay him it would work better I believe."

An umpire-in-chief would certainly take a lot of the burden off of the travel team coaches, but still the problem exists. Where do you get the umpires themselves?

The minor leagues have the benefit of using a number of midget, juvenile and junior players who are interested in picking up some extra spending money. But where does that leave the junior and senior teams?

"I can get people to do the bases, but behind the plate I have to rely on two or three people and when you play two or three games a week it can be tough," said Al Crosier, who oversees Chatham's junior and juvenile baseball teams.

So where have these umpires gone? Many have simply retired from the game, but a strong compliment of others have reverted to fastball and slow pitch. The games are faster, the pace a bit slower and the money just as good, sometimes better.

"A lot of guys have retired from when I was coming up," said Alward, who played minor, junior and senior baseball in Chatham. "They've just faded away and nobody has come up to fill in the gap."

Although a number of former baseball umpires have turned to fastball and slow pitch, those leagues are not immune to the problem. They're just a bit better off.

"We've got 13 umpires on a regular basis to do the Chatham Industrial (fastball) league and all the other area fastball leagues and it makes it awful tough," said Pete Jones, who assigns umpires for local fastball umpires' association. "With the increase in slow pitch most umpires are doing that now.

"They get the same money with a lot less hassle."

Ken McConnell, one of the directors of the Maple City Slo-Pitch umpires' association, echoed those sentiments.

"We've got 79 teams and only 30 officials and what compounds the problem is that some guys still play and coach so they can't umpires games in their own division or on nights when they are playing or coaching," he said.

But, McConnell said, the association has been able to stay on an even keel while fastball and baseball league are just not replacing the umpires they lose.

And make no mistake about it, they are losing umpires to various slow pitch leagues. The games are quick, the money good and the big thing, the umpires have less pressure and do not have to put up with as much flak.

That seems to be the key thing in talking to present and former umpires. They simply do not want to put up with the hassles they get in fastball and baseball.

Although some umpires are there mainly for the money, most are there because they like the game and want to contribute. Name-calling and personal insults are just not worth it.

And baseball and fastball teams simply give their umpires more problems than slow pitch teams.

"I don't think it's the money, we're adequatley paid for what we do," said McConnell, who has umpired all three sports and now only does slow pitch.

"There's less hassle and slow pitch has more of a social aspect to it. That's the key thing.

"There's just too much crap (from baseball and fastball), they want professional umpires."

It is that pressure and propensity for verbal abuse in those leagues that have caused umpires to gear themselves more towards slow pitch games. The money is just as good for baseball — $40 per game to do the plate at a Diamonds game and slightly less for the juniors — but the hassles are just not worth the money.

"Slow pitch is a more leisurely-paced game," McConnell said. "Not to say to calibre is any less, but it's not so much win, win win.

"We have four or five people that have worked baseball and fastball and have just gotten out of it. And that's their main reason, the hassle and flak they get."

Crosier, whose role as manager has seen him at odds with umpires on occassion, agrees.

"What some of these coaches should realize is that these aren't professional umpires and they're going to make mistakes," he said. "They're coming out on a volunteer basis.

"I myself have made complaints, but I try to keep it in perspective, there's just no call for a lot of it."

But coaches are not the only ones to be blamed for driving umpires out of their game, players and parents have to take their share of the criticism.

"In the younger groups it's the parents who give you the problems and in the older groups it's the players themselves," said McKinnon.

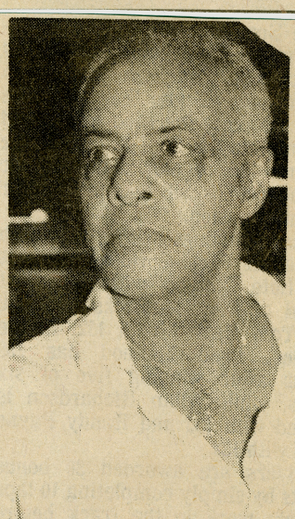
And those sentiments are not the sole property of present umpires. Well respected umpires who have since retired agree.

"It can be a hassle, you have to take quite a bit from that end of it," said Boomer Harding, one of the area's most respected umpires of the 1960s and 70s. "The players you can control, it's the parents you can't do anything about.

"The money is real good now, even little kids make more than we used to make.

Ray Reaume, who like Harding, umpired in the area for nealy a quarter of a century, agrees.

"Parents are a lot to blame for it, even in hockey," said Reaume, who along with Harding, Art Provost, Ken Schultz and a few others, did the bulk of umpiring in the Chatham area in the 60s and 70s. "In slow pitch there are no hassles so why should you put up with it when you can make the same money doing slow pitch."



BOOMER HARDING ...can be a hassle

Reaume also indicated the ever-present change in society as having an affect on the umpiring situation.

"You've got to be a special type of person. We did it because we loved it.

"We didn't make much money ($3 for the plate, $2 for the bases) but I guess we were a different breed back then. And you didn't get the hassles you do now, there is too much emphasis on winning."

So, what is the answer? Since most umpires agree the money they make is adequate, the answer must lie elsewhere.

"To recruit people, I just don't know how you'd do it," said Ron McKinnon, president of the fastball umpires' association. "It's a real dilemma. If you could get some older people who are still in good physical shape for slow pitch it would help.

"Fastball umpires are harder to get since there's a good bit of pressure because it's so fast."

Both Cobb and Crosier agree the answer for baseball, at least at the minor level, is to encourage more teenagers to become involved in umpires and then steadily bring them along.

While the solutions are not easy, they are meaningless unless one basic rule of humanity is observed.

And that is respect. It's something we all strive for in our jobs and everyday life.

Umpires, whether it be senior baseball, girls fastball or tyke baseball, should be accorded that basic need. Umpires expect nothing less and deserve nothing less.

Without that basic requirement of human nature, all solutions will fail in the end.

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POST OFFICE OF YESTERYEAR

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Only a few years ago this impressive looking old building stood where the F. W. Woolworth Co. Store (Worth Mart) now stands at the corner of King St. West and Fourth Street. It was built as the Chatham Post Office in 1884-85 and was demolished a few years ago. The present federal building replaced it. Readers of the Chatham Daily News are invited to bring to the newspaper office their old photos, depicting Chatham as it was years ago. The Post Office is the first photo to be offered as the weekly feature: 'Chatham News' Old Picture Album,' is resumed.

CHATHAM'S FIRST POSTAL SALESLADY
. . . With Original Carrier Staff

Original Mail Carriers Pictured In Old Photo

Even their descendents, some of whom still live in the Chatham area, are unlikely to realize that these nine men, posed with the city's first postage stamp saleslady, were its original mail carrier force.

Retired assistant postmaster George Davey of 125 Emma Street can identify some, but not all, of them.

That is because he didn't join the staff until 1923 and the photo, he believes, was taken in 1905 or 1906 at the rear of the post office that was then located where the Woolworth store now is on the corner of King and Fourth Streets.

Mr. Davey was unable to identify the woman clerk.

He did recognize, on the bottom row, at far left, John D. Ellwood, for whom Ellwood Avenue was named in 1912. W. Gernauy, Charles Lynn and H. W. Jacques.

Second from the left, standing, is J. J. Brennan while Sidney Carter is second from the right. Mr. Davey was uncertain about the identity of the other men.

He believed the picture is probably the only one of its type now in existence. It was loaned to the Chatham Daily News by Jack Seney.

Today, the city has nearly 30 letter carriers and almost as many postal clerks.

MAIL CARRIERS TO AID X-RAY SURVEY

Mail carriers employed by the Chatham post office will be among those assisting the committee arranging the Kent county mass X-ray survey next month. Those who will assist are shown above: (front row, from left) Carl Lister, campaign co-chairman, Ted Flynn, Bill Schamahorn, R. N. Henderson, John McGuire, Al Phillips, Bob Merilees, Wilf Harding and Dan Lillie, supervisor. In the back row (from left) are Dennis Pake, Doug Lozon, Ray Norris, Jim Garbutt, Stan Burke, Bill Tong and Romeo Trahan. (Staff)

Mail Loses Faithful Canine Guardian

Toby No Longer Follows 'Boomer'

From The Star's Chatham Bureau

CHATHAM—A man and a dog generally regarded as inseparable as ham and eggs no longer are a pair, and it took two vehicles to separate them.

DEVOTED TO MAIL

For years, Toby, a faithful English sheep dog, followed posties on the Water street-Murray-Adelaide-Lansdowne avenue walk. First love of the dog, owned by Robert George, Eighth street, was the late Jack Foy, postman friend of his master.

Then came Wilfred "Boomer" Harding, one of Kent's best known baseball players.

Directly Boomer came around the Eighth street corner walking on his beat, the big shaggy headed sheep dog would stalk majestically from his home and, following less than two feet behind, would complete the morning's route with the postman.

This had been going on for over a year, this last partnership. Boomer would always wait for Toby if he stayed behind a little, and by way of thanks, Toby wouldn't bother to even look at other canines while the mail went through.

STRUCK BY TRUCK

Two weeks ago, just after the mail had all been delivered and Toby had gone home, Mr. George said his pal got out again on the street and was struck by a flying truck. Toby received a bad cut in the side and Georges who regard old Toby as a member of the family, took this as a warning that Toby should not go around on the street by himself any more.

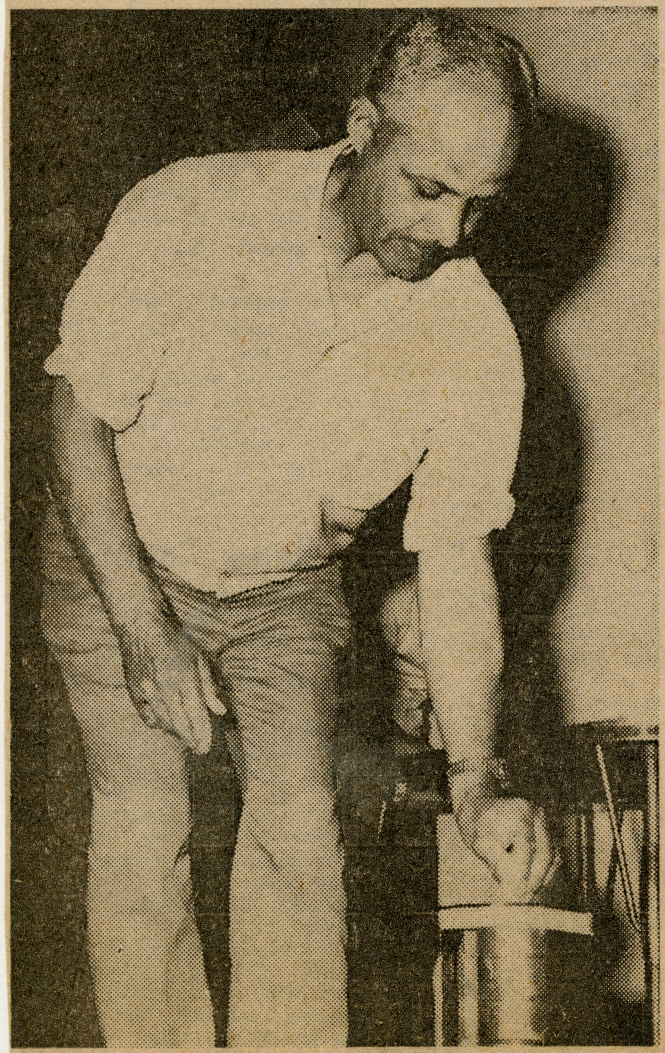
Toby doesn't like it, neither does Boomer . The postman bought a bicycle to speed the round.

Toby is vacationing at Port Stanley with his owners but there is a bet he'll be mad when he comes back and sees Boomer on the steel steed.

It was a grand thing while it lasted.

Big Vote Turnout By Mail Workers

By THE CANADIAN PRESS



CHATHAM'S WILFRED HARDING VOTES

The Chatham Daily News
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Wes. Newcombe Heads Chatham Postal Employes

Wes Newcombe was elected president of the Chatham Postal Employes Association at the final meeting for the year held last night at the Masonic Temple. Mr. Newcombe succeeded Tom Wilcox in the presidency.

Other officers elected were, Jim Ost, vice-president, and Doug Roberts, secretary-treasurer. John McGuire, Boomer Harding, Tom Hall, Doug Fletcher and Bob Tiffin, were elected to the executive.

The meeting took the form of a social evening and was attended by 45 members of the local staff, their wives and friends. Retiring president Tom Wilcox reviewed the club's activities during the year and expressed his thanks to the executive for supporting him during his year and expressed his thanks to the executive for supporting him during his tenure of office.

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Chatham honors postal veterans

CHATHAM — Three Chatham post office workers whose combined service totals almost 90 years were honored Tuesday by their associates and postmaster Charles Foster.

Presentations were made to assistant postmaster C. W. Newcombe, Wilfred "Boomer" Harding and Glenn Shaw.

For Mr. Newcombe, Tuesday was the 30th anniversary of his start at Chatham post office.

Mr. Harding joined the Chatham staff in October, 1940. Mr. Shaw started in September, 1940.

IN CHATHAM, there was at least one route walker with little need for concern.

Wilfred (Boomer) Harding retires in December after 35 years of service with the department that made him perhaps the city's most well-known and best-liked mailman.

And he will do it with an unexpected bonus.

He recently won for himself and his wife, Joy, a two-week, all expenses paid vacation in getting lucky with a prize draw ticket.

For them, the treat could not have come at a more opportune moment.

They get to pick their own travelling date, though, and that was still under consideration.

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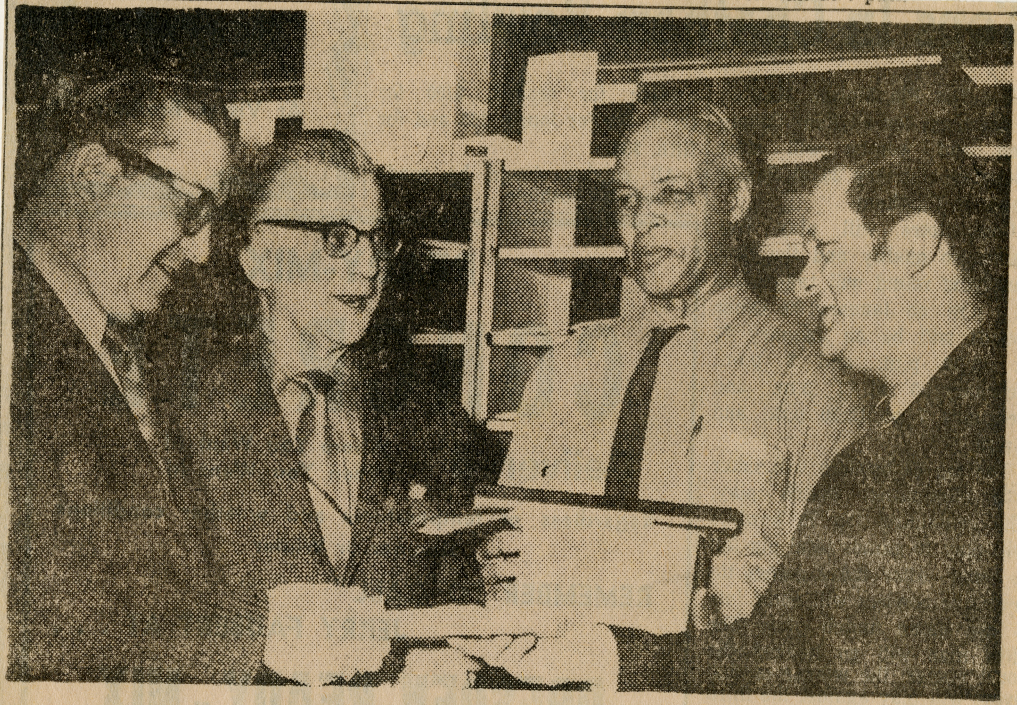
MARK ANNIVERSARY—Three Chatham Post Office employees were honored Wednesday for having completed 30 years service. From left are Wilfred (Boomer) Harding, Wes Newcombe and Glenn Shaw. The three received wallets and an anniversary cake each from Postmaster Charles Foster to mark the occasion.



VETERANS HONORED

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Chatham postal workers got together yesterday to honor three of their number who have 30 years each of service. From left C. W. Newcombe, assistant postmaster, D. Glenn Shaw, Wilfred Harding and Postmaster C. H. A. Foster, who presented gifts. Mr. Newcombe has been assistant postmaster since 1958; Mr. Shaw is a supervisor; and Mr. Harding, a letter carrier. (Staff)

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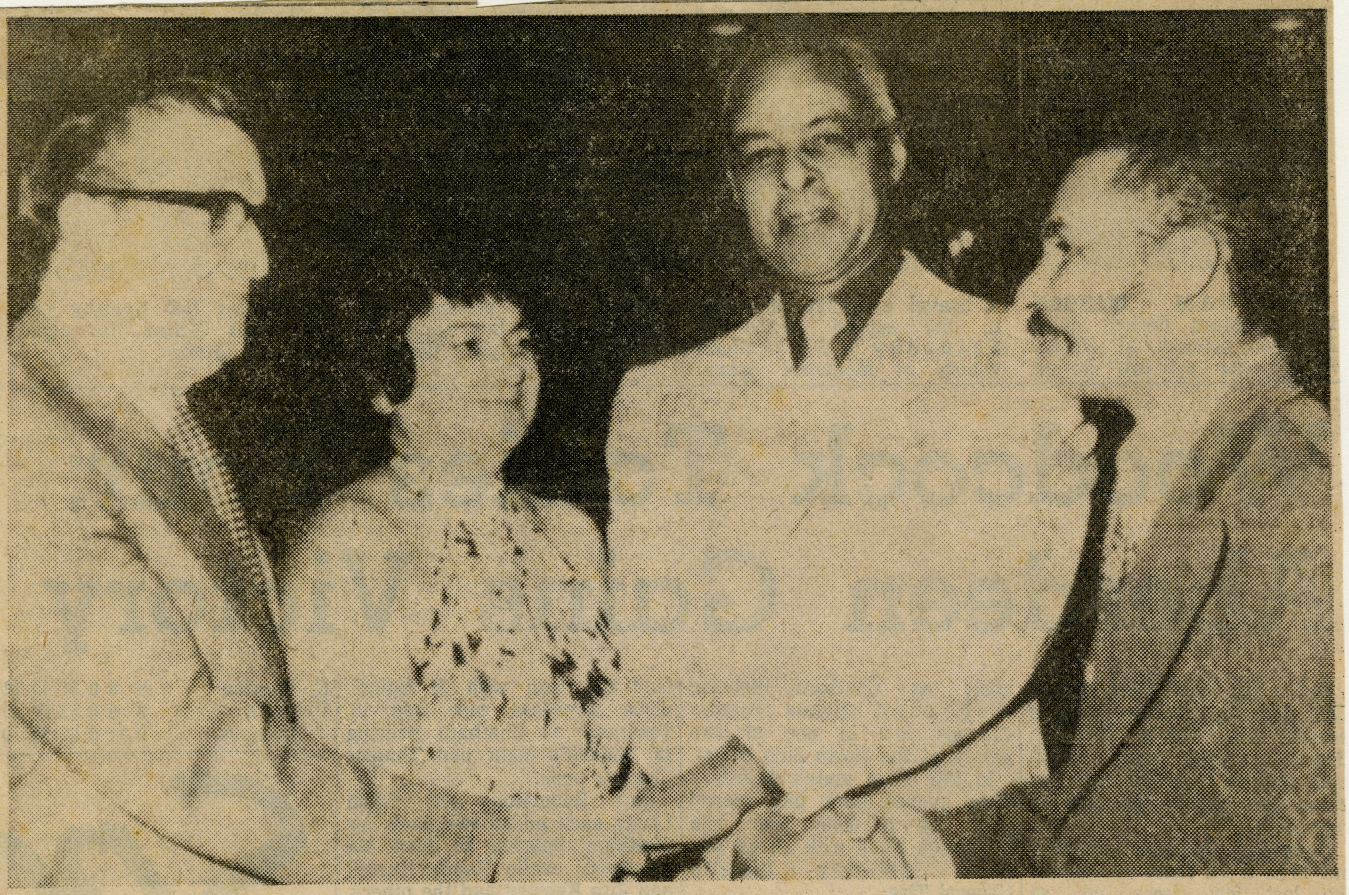


POSTMASTER WES NEWCOMBE, MR. AND MRS. WILFRED HARDING, BUD TALBOT,

Veteran Local Postie, Boomer Harding Feted

Teh senior letter carrier of Chatham Post Office, Wilfred (Boomer) Harding, was honored by fellow workers Saturday night for 35 years of dedicated service.

Mr. Harding joined the post office as a letter carrier in 1940 and will be retiring from the position on December 29.

Over 50 persons were on hand to honor the veteran postie including Chatham postmaster Wes Newcombe, assistant postmaster Bob Laurie, postal officers Doug Roberts and John Butcher, Cecil Massender and Murray Scott of the local post office and Bud Talbot, president of Local 29 of the Letter Carriers Union of Canada.

As a token of appreciation, fellow workers presented Mr. Harding with a power saw.

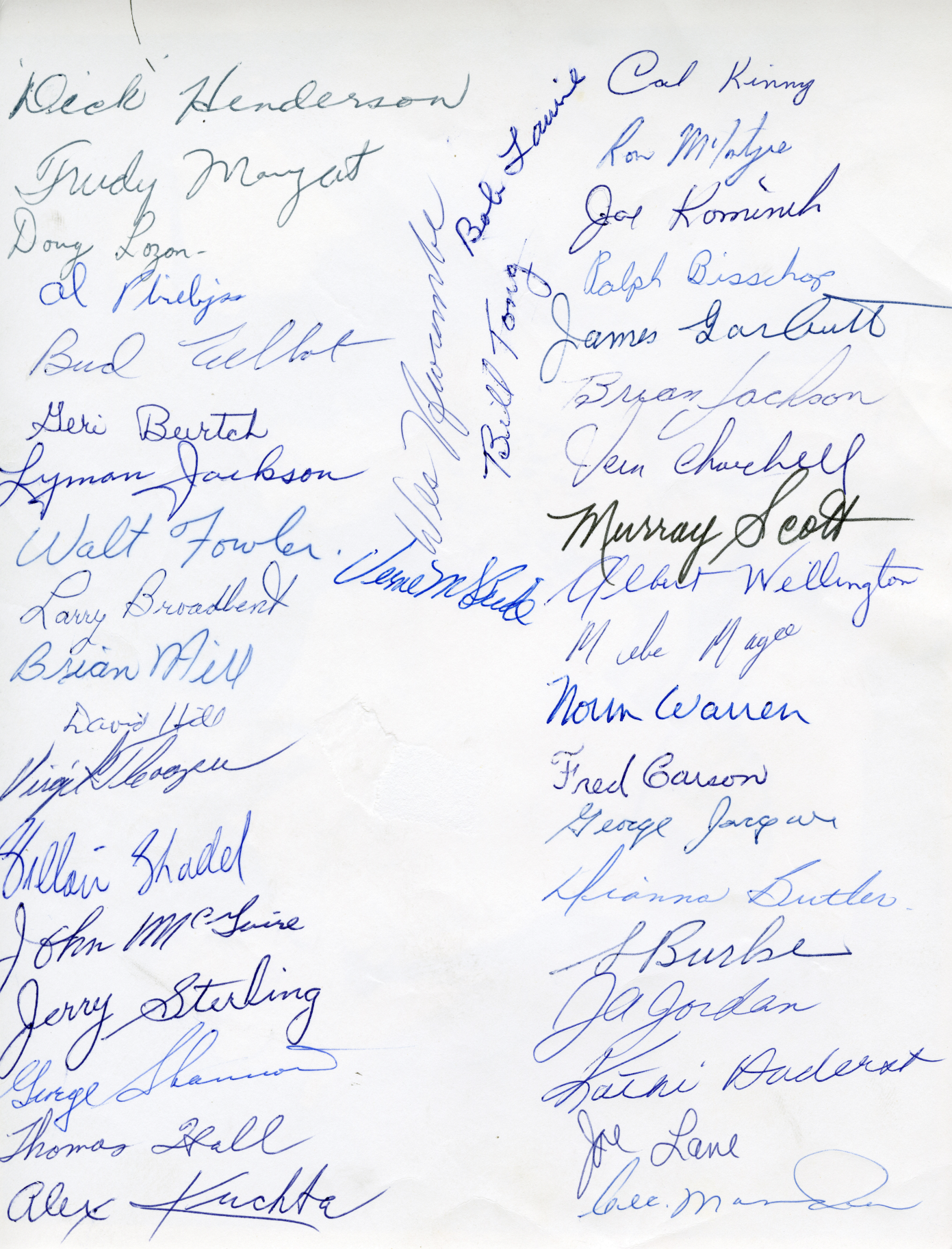
In 1940, Mr. Harding also married his wife, Joy. They have one son, Blake.

On January 29, 1943, Mr. Harding enlisted in Canada's Armed Forces and served in Canada, the United Kingdom and Continental Europe before resuming his position with the Chatham Post Office in 1946.

"He (Mr. Harding) has an excellent record and has served the post office with loyalty and dedication," Mr. Newcombe said.

He has been active both as a player and official in baseball and hockey over the years and plans to continue his role as an umpire when the ball season rolls around next year.

Following his retirement in December, Mr. Harding plans "to do a little hunting and fishing and do some travelling". This January the Hardings will be heading on a trip to Nassau.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29th December 1975

Our file / Notre référence

Mr. Wilfred Harding
Rural Route 6
Dresden, Ontario
N0P 1M0

Dear Mr. Harding

Upon your retirement on 29th December 1975 from the Chatham Post Office, many of your colleagues, with whom you have been associated through the years, are going to miss you.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on your excellent record and to thank you for the loyalty and dedication you have rendered to the Post Office Department.

I am sure that when you are enjoying many happy days of retirement in the future, while in pursuit of your hobbies and social activities, you will view your service with a great deal of satisfaction and fulfillment.

Very sincerely

R. Harris

R. Harris
A/Director
Southwestern District
Ontario Postal Region

CHATHAM SPORTS HALL OF FAME, C/O WISH CENTRE, 177 KING ST. EAST,CHATHAM, ON N7M 3N1

May 13, 2003

Blake Harding,
4 McGeorge Ave.,
Chatham, ON

Dear Blake,

The Chatham Sports Hall of Fame thanks you for your nomination of your father, Boomer Harding, for induction into the Athlete - Old-timer category of the Hall.

In accordance with our procedures, all nominations were reviewed by our Nomination and Selection Committee and each candidate was rated based on our approved evaluation criteria. The purpose of this procedure was to select the top four candidates in each category for inclusion on the ballot for the voting process. On June 1, the ballots will be forwarded to all eligible voters asking them to vote for one candidate in each category for induction into the Hall of Fame.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that Boomer's name will appear on the 2003 ballot in the appropriate category. Eligible voters will have until June 30 to return their completed ballots and the new inductees will be announced by July 11. The annual banquet and induction ceremonies will be held on September 11 at the W.I.S.H. Centre.

If you included a scrapbook of additional information concerning the team with your nomination, please contact me (354-2333) to make arrangements for its return. We may, however, request this back for the winners so that it can be displayed at the banquet.

I thank you again for your nomination and if you have any questions, please call me at any time.

Jay

Jay Teetzel, Secretary,
Nomination and Selection Committee,
Chatham Sports Hall of Fame

Chatham Sports Hall of Fame

June 2003

VOTING TIME - 2003

Again this year all members in good standing of the Chatham Sports Hall of Fame are asked to vote for the 2003 candidates to the Hall. Members of the Board of Directors, Voting Members, and living Honoured Members are eligible to vote. Our aim once again is to have 100% voter response and your serious consideration of the enclosed information is greatly appreciated.

In accordance with our procedures, and using the information supplied to us on the nomination form, the biographical information form, and any other material supplied by the nominator, the Nomination and Selection Committee reviewed all nominations and rated each candidate based on our approved criteria . The purpose of this was twofold - first, to ensure that each nominee met an established minimum standard and second, to select the top four candidates in each category. After receiving Board approval, the names of the top four were placed on a ballot for voting.

In all categories, you are asked to vote for **one of four** candidates. All votes must be on the approved ballot which is included in your package. If you require additional information concerning any of the candidates, please contact Jay Teetzel (354-2333) to see scrapbooks or write-ups on specific individuals.

Please **mail the ballot** in the self addressed envelope post marked **no later than Friday, June 27** or **drop off the ballot** at 36 Fourth St. in the envelope provided **no later than June 30.** The ballots will be confidentially tabulated by the accounting firm of Chrysler-Shillington.

The winners will be announced on **Friday, July 11, 2003** and they will be inducted into the Chatham Sports Hall of Fame on **Thursday, September 11** at the Fifth Annual Dinner and Induction Ceremony. All members are reminded that you receive a reduced rate on the cost of your banquet ticket which will go on sale June 1 from any Director or at the WISH Centre.

DATES TO REMEMBER.....

Mon., June 2 - ballots distributed
- banquet tickets on sale

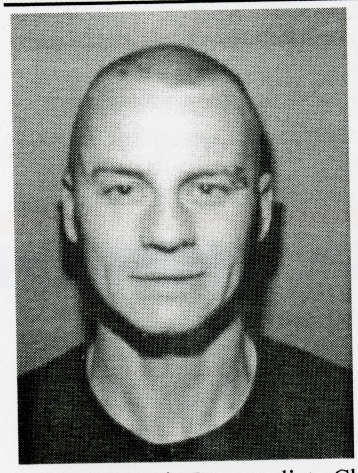
Mon., June 30 - ballots returned

Fri., July 11 - new inductees announced

Thurs., Sept. 11 - Annual Dinner and Induction Ceremony

ATHLETE MODERN Vote for 1 of 4

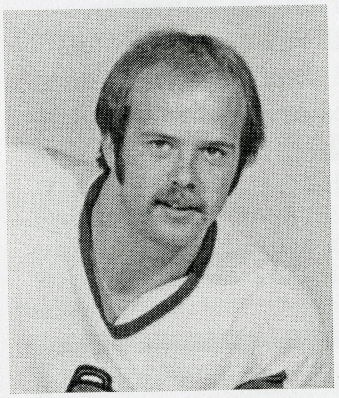
Jamie Jefferson (1973-)



Jamie was born in Chatham and has lived here all his life. He started boxing in 1984 at age 11 and quickly rose in the sport to become Ontario Junior Champion at age 13. Since then Jamie has won 4 more Ontario Junior Championships, 2 Ontario Intermediate Championships, and 2 Ontario Seniors. He has competed successfully at the Canadian National level, has won 4 Championships in Detroit, and has won numerous other boxing tournaments. Jamie is presently a Level II NCCP Coach and is Head Coach of the Kayo Boxing Club.

- 1986 - Ontario Junior Champion
- 1987 - 2nd place Bramalea Cup - Ontario Junior Champion
- 1988 - Ontario Junior Champion - Boxing Ontario Athlete of the Year
- 1989 - Ontario Junior Champion - Ontario Junior Winter Games Champion - Canadian Junior Champion - Ontario Intermediate Champion - 2nd place Canadian Intermediate Championship - received National Achievement Award from Ontario in recognition of Distinguished Performance in the Field of Amateur Sport
- 1990 - Ontario Intermediate Champion - Detroit Golden Gloves Champion - 2nd place Canadian Intermediate Championship - 3rd place Ontario Senior Championship - Detroit Diamond Gloves Champion - Ontario Senior Champion
- 1991 - 2nd Place Canada Winter Games - Bramalea Cup Champion - received Outstanding Achievement Award from the East London Boxing Association
- 1992 - Detroit Diamond Gloves Champion - Ontario Senior Champion
- 1993 - Detroit Golden Gloves Champion - 3rd Place Ontario Senior Championship

Dennis McCord (1952-)



As Dennis grew up in Chatham he excelled at all sports he tried. At age 11 he won a gold medal at the Ontario YMCA Swimming in the breaststroke. Over the years he starred on 5 Chatham baseball teams that won Ontario Championships and he also competed in track, football, and lacross. Dennis' greatest achievements, however, came in hockey where he starred for the Chatham Junior Maroons, before playing Junior "A" for the London Knights. Dennis was drafted by the Vancouver Canucks and at age 21 played briefly with them. He ultimately played several successful years in the Western Hockey League, the Central Hockey League, and the International Hockey League. Dennis was the first Chatham Junior "A" player born in the Maple City to sign a professional contract. Dennis now lives in Chatham.

- 1966 - at age 14 signed with the Chatham Maroons
- 1967-68 - while still bantam age, played for the Junior "B" Maroons
- 1968-69 - played for Chatham Maroons in the Western Ontario Junior "A" League - was voted to the first All-Star and was second in the best defenceman voting - was drafted by the Toronto Marlboros of the Major Junior "A" league
-1969-70 - played for Toronto and then was traded to Kitchener Rangers but returned to Chatham to help the Maroons win the WOHL Championship
-1970-71 - played for Chatham in the new Southern Ontario Junior "A" League and was voted to the first All-Star team and was named the League's Best Defenceman - was drafted by the London Knights of the Major "A" League
-1971-72 - played 59 games for London scoring 40 points (9 goals and 31 assists), and served 123 penalty minutes - was drafted by the NHL's Vancouver Canucks in 8th round, 115th overall
- 1972-73 & 1973-74 - played in over 70 games each year for Seattle Totems in the Western Hockey League, scoring 86 points and serving 157 minutes in penalties - called up to Vancouver for 3 games in 1974
- 1974-75 - played for Seattle Totems in the Central Hockey League
- 1975-76 - played for Fort Wayne Comets of the International Hockey League
- 1975-76 - played for Tulsa Oilers of the Central Hockey League
- professional career statistics - games 242, goals 17, assists 86, points 103, penalty minutes 264

ATHLETE MODERN Vote for 1 of 4

Randy Rybansky (1961-)

While growing up in Chatham and attending John McGregor Secondary School, Randy was an all-round athlete. He competed in track and field, volleyball, minor hockey, but he excelled particularly in football and basketball. In 4 years of senior Panther football Randy was on undefeated teams as he played an ever-increasingly prominent role in helping to win 4 county and 4 SWOSSA Championships. He went on to star for the Wilfred Laurier Golden Hawks football team and to play 3 seasons in the Canadian Football League including 1 Grey Cup Game.

John McGregor Secondary School - 1975-80
- 1976-77 Basketball - only year of junior - starred on Kent Championship team, was first team all-star and team Most Valuable Player - Football - played on first Kent and SWOSSA championship team - was chosen Most Improved Athlete at McGregor
- 1977-78 Basketball - as first year senior, was on Kent and SWOSSA "AAA" championship team - Football - lead team to second Kent and SWOSSA Championship, was first team all-star
- 1978-79 Basketball - second team all-star - Football - lead team to third Kent and SWOSSA Championship, was first team all-star, and Offensive Player of the Year
- 1979-80 Basketball - first team all=star - Football - lead team to fourth consecutive Kent and SWOSSA Championship - never lost a football game in 4 years of senior play - was first team all-star

Wilfred Laurier University - 1980-84 - 3 time Player of the Game (Sept. 16/83, Oct. 29/83, and Sept. 15/84) - OUAA & CIAU Player of the Week (Sept.16/83) as he carried the ball 23 times for 156 yards and scored 3 touchdowns against McMaster - team Most Valuable Player (1983 season) - OUAA All-star (1984)

Canadian Football League - 1984-86 - 1984 tried out for Ottawa Rough Riders, returned to school - 1985 Toronto Argonauts and Hamilton Tiger-Cats who were Eastern Division Champions and Grey Cup Finalists losing to British Columbia Lions - 1986 Hamilton Tiger-Cats
- presently lives in Chatham and teaches at The Pines

Herb Wakabayashi (1944-)

Herb was born in British Columbia in 1944 but the family was moved eastward shortly after that, as were thousands of other Japanese-Canadian families. The Wakabayashi's, arrived in Chatham in 1950. Shortly after that Herb became involved in sports, particularly minor hockey and minor baseball. He went on to excel at both sports at the local level with Chatham Junior Maroons and Ontario Baseball championship teams. Herb continued his excellent play at college, and international levels culminating with representing Japan in hockey at 3 different Winter Olympic Games.

- 1964-65 - entered Boston University and had an outstanding year on the freshman hockey team
- 1965-66 - set a Boston University, New England, and East Coast Athletic Conference record for most assists in a season with 51 - was named New England Sophomore of the Year, the Most Valuable Player in the Beanpot Tournament and to the All New England and All East Second Teams - playing with fellow Chathamite, Eddie Wright, they became famous for their penalty-killing talents and during one span did not allow a shot on goal for 36 consecutive minutes of man-short play
-1966-67 - although his point production fell off his honours did not - named to All New England, All East, and All America First Teams - also named team Most Valuable Player and Athlete of the Year at Boston University
- 1967-68 - repeated as All American and All New England - completed career as player with most assists (90) and was second in all-time scoring (145 points) - played baseball with BU Terriers in senior year, hitting .367 and leading team to ECAC playoffs
- 1978 - inducted into Boston University Athletic Hall of Fame
-after university, went to Japan to play and coach hockey and ultimately played in three Olympics, in 1972 at Sapporo, 1976 at Innsbruck, and 1980 at Lake Placid, where he carried the Japanese flag at the Opening Ceremonies
- currently lives in Richmond, BC but work takes him to Japan often

ATHLETE-OLD-TIMER Vote for 1 of 4

Wilfred "Boomer" Harding (1915-92)

Boomer Harding was an extraordinarily talented, all round athlete who excelled at baseball, hockey, soccer, and softball. Unfortunately, being born in 1915, he participated at a time when Blacks were not readily accepted. He faced prejudice head on and won the respect and friendship of many of his team mates, opponents, and sports fans across Ontario. Many believe that, if the time had been right, Boomer could have competed at a major league level in either baseball or hockey. For 50 years he participated at a very high level and left a legacy of courage, pride, determination, and sportsmanship.

Baseball - beginning in 1933 at age 17, for over 20 years, starred for teams in Chatham and Kingston who regularly competed for district and provincial championships - most notably were the 1934 Chatham Colored All Stars who won the 1934 OBA Intermediate "B" Championship, the 1939 Colored All Stars who were OBA Intermediate "A" Championship finalists, and the 1948 Chatham Hadley Lumber team who were OBA Intermediate "A" champions

Hockey - beginning in high school in 1931, for over 20 years, starred for teams in Chatham, London, and Kingston who competed for district and provincial championships - most notably were the 1943-44 London Army team that won the OHA Intermediate "A" Championship, the 1945-46 Canadian Army Group "D" Red Wings that toured Scotland, the 1946 Windsor Staffords of the International Amateur Hockey League where he became the first Black player to play at the Detroit Olympia, and the early 1950's Chatham Golds who regularly competed for OHA Championships

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Max Lenover (1918-91)

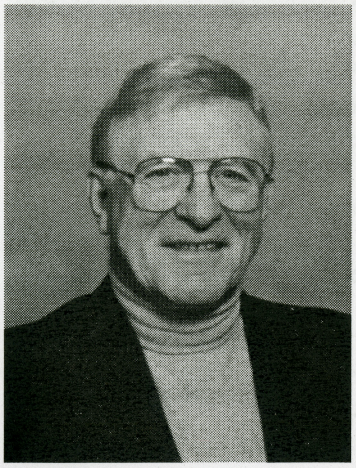
This native of Chatham starred in track and field at both Chatham Collegiate and Chatham Vocational School which led to his competing in the British Empire Games in 1938 and to entering Loyola University in Chicago on an athletic scholarship where he had an outstanding career. Max was born in 1918 and passed away in Jacksonville, Florida in 1991.

-1935 - set Ontario high school records in 440 yard and 880 yard events for boys under 17 years old

- 1937 - set Dominion Interscholastic Record in 880 yard event at 1:58.7 - set Canadian 880 yard record of 1:53.6 and tied the quarter mile time - while still in high school, qualified for 1938 British Empire Games in the 880 yard event by beating former Canadian Olympian, Ab Conway, by 6 yards - also qualified for mile relay
- 1938 - at British Empire Games in Australia, won first two heats but was spiked in the foot by a fellow competitor and had to retire from the games
- 1939 - entered Loyola University in Chicago on a track scholarship
- 1939-1942 - starred for Loyola's track team winning every individual race in dual competition he ever entered, a total of 90 first place medals - repeatedly set records in both the mile run and the 880 while at school - for 4 years was key member of Loyola's champion mile relay team - was inducted into the Loyola University Athletic Hall of Fame
- 1942 - after graduation, went overseas with the Canadian Navy

ATHLETE-OLD-TIMER Vote for 1 of 4

Wilson "Copper" Leyte (1931-)

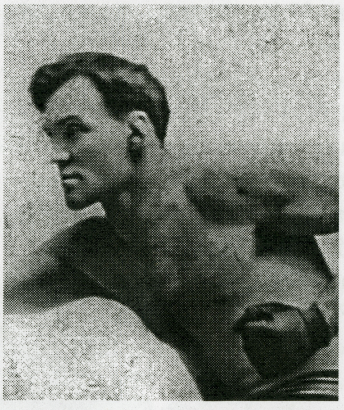


Copper was born and raised in Newfoundland and is considered to be one of the finest hockey players the province has ever produced. From his high school performances in the early 1940's through provincial senior hockey to Quebec junior hockey and Canadian senior hockey, Copper displayed great skill as a puck handler combined with exceptional skating and an intense desire to play at his highest level at all times. He arrived in Chatham in 1956 to play for the Senior Maroons helping to win the Allen Cup in 1959-60 and some people consider him to be the finest player ever to put on a Maroon uniform.

- 1947 - at age 16 joined the Buchans Miners senior team where he played for 3 years culminating with the team winning the Herder Trophy emblematic of the provincial senior championship in 1949-50
- 1950-51 - played for Quebec Citadel major junior hockey team and was second line centre behind superstar Jean Beliveau who centered first line - team lost in Memorial Cup finals to Barrie Flyers
- 1951-53 - played for Quebec Aces Senior team along with Beliveau and Coach Punch Imlach - in 1952 moved back to play defence - went to 3 training camps with the Montreal Canadians and played in several exhibition games with them - in 1952 team won Alexander Cup emblematic of top senior team in Eastern Canada
- 1953-56 - was an outstanding member of Glace Bay Miners, Charlottetown Islanders, and Amherst Ramblers of the Maritime Senior Hockey League - was picked up by Chatham Maroons for the 1956 Allan Cup finals
- 1956-61 - starred for Chatham Senior Maroons - in 1960 team defeated Trail British Columbia Smoke Eaters to win Allan Cup with Copper and goaltender Cesare Maniago emerging as the best performers

- after retiring from playing in 1961 Copper coached the Junior Maroons and then Chatham Minor Hockey teams until 1974 - continues to live in Chatham

Arthur Pelkey (1883-1921)

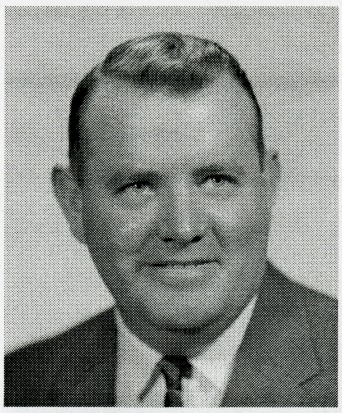


This native of Dover Township, whose original name was Arthur Peltier, was considered at one time to be one of the best boxers in the world. He stood 6' 2" tall, weighed 210 pounds, and had a reach of 78 inches. He was born in 1883 and died in 1921.

- 1910 - fought his first professional fight in Boston against Kent Salisbury which ended in a draw - former World Champion, Tommy Burns, a Canadian himself began to train Arthur hoping he would become the "Great White Hope"
- 1911-13 - fought 20 times around the world with 17 victories, 1 draw, 1 no-decision, and only 1 loss
- May 24, 1913 - fought Luther McCarthy in Calgary for the World White Heavyweight Championship - at 1:40 of first round, Pelkey hit McCarthy lightly on the chin and what looked like a meaningless right to the chest - McCarthy collapsed and died in the ring - death was determined to be as a result of a fall from a horse 2 days before the fight - Pelkey and Burns were subsequently charged with manslaughter but were later exonerated - as World White Champion, was considered as contender for the World Championship held by Jack Johnson, but he was not the same after McCarthy's death
- Jan. 1, 1914 - lost his next fight and his championship to Gunboat Smith in San Fransisco
- 1914-20 - lost next 9 fights including one to Jack Dempsey
-1920 - in his last fight, fought to a draw with Peter Jackson in Chatham - retired from fighting and became a police officer in Windsor, Ontario
- Feb. 18,1921 - died as a result of "sleeping sickness" at his home in Windsor at age 38

BUILDER Vote for 1 of 4

Doug Allin (1923-)



In 1946 Doug was one of the original organizers of the Chatham Minor Baseball Association and for the next 25 years sat on the executive, ran leagues, and coached travel Championships and eight Ontario Championships. He also found time to coach tennis and girls' basketball as well as referee basketball in the late 1940's. Doug was also involved in politics, serving 10 years as city alderman and 6 as mayor of Chatham. Over the years he has received numerous awards of recognition for his contributions to his community.

Coaching Highlights - 1946 - one of original organizers of CMBA - began coaching bantams at Stirling Park
- 1951 to 1968 - moved to Kinsmen Park and ran pee wee baseball program, organizing leagues and tournaments and coaching travel teams
- 1957 - coached first of 5 consecutive Ontario Pee Wee "AAA" Championship teams and then in 1965 won a sixth Ontario Pee Wee Championship
-1969 to 1971 coached juvenile travel teams to two Ontario Championships and one runner-up finish

Awards and Recognitions - 1959 - Coach of the year for Chatham Sports
- 1962 - made an Honorary Kinsmen for Contribution to Amateur Sports
- 1966 - Provincial Award for Contribution to Amateur Sports - Sertoma Club "Service to Mankind Award" for Contribution to Amateur Sports
- 1974 - Humanitarian Award from congregation of A.M.E. Church for Contribution to Amateur Sports
- 1977 and 2002 - received Queen's Medal for Service to Country and Municipality including sports
- 1980 - Royal Canadian Legion Certificate of Merit for Contribution to Amateur Sports
- 1978 - tennis courts by John McGregor S.S. named after him by City of Chatham in recognition of his contribution to sports

Hall of Fame - 1984 called first meeting of Chatham Sports Hall of Fame, was named chairman and served for 3 years - since the resurrection of the Hall in 1998 to present, served on the new Board of Directors

Ross Babcock (1916-1964)

In the early 1950's Chatham Minor Hockey and Chatham Minor Baseball Associations were in their infancies. Ross Babcosk was one of the leaders who stepped forward and used his organizational skills to improve both organizations at the executive level and at the coaching level. For almost 5 years from 1950 to 1955, he implemented many positive changes to the fledgling groups, but unfortunately because of 2 heart attacks, the second one being fatal, his efforts although extremely significant were cut short.

Chatham Minor Hockey - 1950 to 1955 coached teams each year - 1952 was a director of Minor Hockey, 1953 was chosen as vice-president, and in 1954 was president - during this period, chaired committees to set up a grading system for players, to provide rules of conduct, and set up general rules for the association - represented Chatham at Ontario Minor Hockey Conference, organized first referee pool, organized a dinner of appreciation for coaches, managers, and referees, was registrar, and was in charge of publicity and allocation of extra ice time - proposed and helped implement the concept of a full-time coach for all teams - after first heart attack in February of 1955, resigned as chairman -1960 after returning to the Association, proposed, with Bob Ostrom, and then chaired a committee to implement a clinic system to teach skills to all youngsters - also recommended splitting leagues into A and B categories so that players were competing at equal levels, having all-star teams from one level compete against teams from a higher level, and wearing same colour uniforms for all all-star teams

Chatham Minor Baseball - 1950 to 1955 - coached teams every year as well as convened one of the houseleagues each year - 1952 served as president of the Association - during this period, was instrumental in getting Jaycees to provide funds to build Jaycee Park for the squirt league, and in getting the Kinsmen to build diamonds at Kinsmen Park for pee wee baseball - proposed the hiring of a professional coach and in 1953 Jack Fairs was hired and the program became very successful

Awards and Recognitions - 1951 Charter Member of Chatham Minor Hockey Association - 1952 Kinsman of the Year - August 1, 1952 Chatham Daily News Sportsman of the Week - 1955 made Life Member of Chatham Minor Hockey Association - 1965 hockey trophy for Squirt League renamed Ross Babcock Memorial Trophy - 1968 new North Side Park renamed Ross Babcock Memorial Park by city

BUILDER Vote for 1 of 4

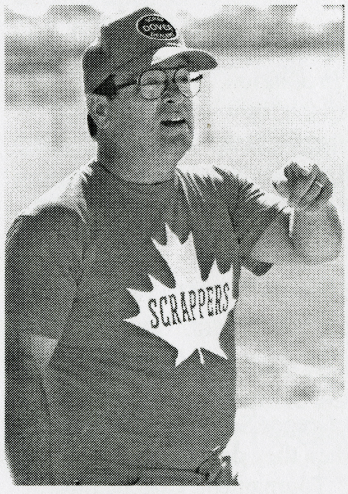
John McKay (1927-94)

John was born in 1927 in British Columbia, moved to London, Ontario as a child, began figure skating at age 8, and later became active in the London Figure Skating Club. When he moved to Chatham, he became a director of the Chatham Club and remained one for over 30 years. From here he became a director at the Sectional level, then the National level, and ultimately in 1972-73 became President of the Canadian Figure Skating Association (CFSA). During his long tenure as Finance Chairman for CFSA, he was responsible for establishing and maintaining a financially stable organization that has been able to financially assist in the development of skaters to compete at National and World competitions. He was also a judge, referee, and team leader representing Canada throughout the world.

Awards and Recognitions

- 1970 - Chatham Memorial Community Centre Commission for Outstanding Service
- 1973 - British Columbia Festival of Winter Sports Appreciation Award
- 1976 - Province of Ontario Special Achievement Award for Distinguished Contribution to the Field of Fitness and Amateur Sport
- 1979 - Canada Winter Games (Brandon, Manitoba) Appreciation Award
- 1979 - elected as Honourary Member of CFSA
- 1987 - Province of Ontario International Achievement Award in Recognition of Distinguished Performance in the Field of Amateur Sport
- 1989 & 1990 - Billie Mitchell Award from CFSA for "valuable contribution to skating"
- 1993 - Government of Canada Commemorative Medal for the 125th Anniversary of Canadian Confederation in recognition of "significant contribution to compatriots, to community, and to Canada"
- 1998 - inducted into Canadian Figure Skating Hall of Fame
- in addition, John was an active member of the Chatham Water Commission from 1970 until his death in 1994

Bob Weedon (1945-)



Bob has served as President of the Maple City Slo-Pitch League for the past 22 years during which time it has grown from 4 teams to 86 teams. He has volunteered endless hours to the game of slo-pitch in Chatham and Ontario. Locally he oversees the league, umpires, players, and coaches. He has overseen ongoing improvements to the diamonds, including upgrading the lighting and backstops and adding sprinkler systems. Bob has helped to develop, promote, and regulate slo-pitch in Chatham and Ontario.

- 1978 to present - President of Maple City Slo-Pitch League
- 1984 to present - Executive Member of Slo-Pitch Ontario Association (SPOA)
- 1991 to present - Executive Member of Softball Ontario
- 1992 - 1997 - President of Slo-Pitch Ontario, voting delegate of Softball Canada
- 1997 - umpired in Ontario Special Olympics Summer Games
- 1998 to present - Treasurer of Slo-Pitch Ontario Association
- 1999 - invited to umpire at World Special Olympics Summer Games in Raleigh, N.C.

Awards and Recognitions - 1998 - Appreciation Award from Maple City Slo-Pitch for over 20 years of service
- 1999 - Slo-pitch Ontario Association Appreciation Award for 15 years of service
- 1999 - Certificate from Meritor Automotive for Community Participation
- 1999 - inducted into Slo-pitch Ontario Association Hall of Fame (Builder Category)
-in addition, has served on Centennial Clock Committee and Municipal Alcohol Policy Committee for the community

TEAM Vote for 1 of 4

1953 Chatham Branch 431 Legion Bantam Baseball Team

This team, made up of the best players in the Legion Bantam City League, was the first Chatham Minor Baseball Team to win an Ontario Baseball Association Championship and it was done in a time when there were no divisions based on population which made it all the more challenging. The key to that initial success was the hiring of Jack Fairs to provide clinics for Minor Baseball and to coach the bantams. In the OBA Playdowns the bantams defeated Sarnia 2 games to 0, Windsor 2 games to 1, and London 2 games to 1 to advance to the semi-finals. In sudden death games the Bantams defeated Hamilton 19-6 and in the finals, they defeated Oshawa 6-4. As a result of the Bantam's success, the recreation department decided to continue the practice of hiring a full-time coach and for many years after that, Chatham Minor Baseball teams had unprecedented success in winning OBA championships. Team members were Larry Babcock, Tom Burke, Don Craven, Jim Crawford, Larry Dekoning, Grant Dickie, Bill Everitt, Archie Harrogate, Al Hinnegan, Lou Holly, Lloyd Howard, John Isreals, Eddie Kucera, Larry Mills, Chris Mitchell, George Montague, Danny Maruoka, Ray Reaume, Glenn Mills (batboy), Ross Babcock (assistant coach), Alex Montague (assistant coach), and Jack Fairs (coach).

1937-38 Chatham Senior Maroons

These Maroons were the first Chatham team to win an OHA title. In 1937-38 they competed in the Michigan Ontario Amateur Hockey league and then entered OHA Playdowns while still finishing MOHL playoffs. In the semi-final 2 out of 3 series they beat Kitchener Greenshirts 2 games to 1 and in the finals they eliminated Niagara Falls Cataracts in 2 straight games to become OHA Senior "B" Champions. It was the first time in 20 years of competition that a Chatham team had won an OHA title. They then went on to compete for the Allan Cup beating the Intermediate "A" Champion Preston Riversides in 2 straight games before dropping a total goals series 1-1 and 5-0 to the Northern winners Falconbridge Falcons in the All-Ontario finals. Team Members were Ken Begin, Ives Dagneau, Ches Dawson, Greg Haggerty, Bobby Hales, Bill Hepburn, Don Hinnegan, Bill L'Heureux, Pete Lemiski, Bobby Murrell, Freddie Peardon, Lou Sadlier, Alf Stevens (captain), Bob Stoddart, Polly Everitt (trainer), Bill Stevens (manager), Leo Reise (coach).

1982-85 Hendricks and Panic Racing Team

Panic Racing was first formed in 1974 and did very well from the onset while racing at South Buxton, Ridge Raceway, and Windsor. However, in 1982 the "Panic '09 Racing Team" was reborn with 5 owners, Don Hendricks, as driver, and Wally Bennett , Andy DeHaan , Mike Kastoff , and Louis Vanderlinden as crew. In the first year the team set a South Buxton track record of 17:59 which still stands in 2002 and also were season champions. In 1983 Dennis Carey and Richard Badiuk joined the team and Panic again was season champ at South Buxton. In late '83 and early '84 they won 13 consecutive races until a crash sidelined "09". Through hard work the car was put back on the track and, at the Ridge Raceway, was voted "Best Appearing Late Model Car", it won the Endurance Race, and captured the season championship. In addition, the team was second in points at South Buxton. Prior to the 1985 season Bennett retired and Roy Fleming joined the team. All agreed that this would be the last year for the team and it turned out to be very successful. At South Buxton, they won the most checkered flags (22), they carried top points position throughout the season, the car won "Best Engineered Race Car", and Don Hendricks was chosen "Most Popular Driver". After that season, Hendricks journeyed out on his own and the rest of the team retired.

1974-75 John McGregor Boys Basketball Team

In 1973 OFSAA went to 3 divisions, "AAA", "AA", and "A". In the 1974-75 season the John McGregor Secondary School Boys Basketball team became the first Chatham school team to win a provincial championship when they defeated Woodstock College Ave. 65-45 in the final game in Timmins, thereby winning the OFSAA "AA" Tournament. Coached by Larry Lahey, the team went undefeated in league, play-off, and OFSAA play. They were 33-8 overall as they took on all comers during the season and beat some of the top ranked "AAA" teams in the province. They defeated Tillsonburg Glendale who came third at OFSAA "AAA" 51-48 to win the Purple and White tournament at the University of Western Ontario. They defeated Windsor W.D. Lowe who came second at OFSAA "AAA" 86-72 to win Chatham's first SWOSSAA championship. Team members were Calvin Antaya, George Denkers, Glyn Hughes, Craig Jones, Mike Kuni, Bob Oosteveen, Frank Oosteveen, Matt Ross, Frank Rusal, Edie Rybansky, and Larry Lahey (coach).

Chatham Sports Hall of Fame

SPECIAL FEATURE

NEWS RELEASE
JULY 11, 2003

The Board of Directors of the Chatham Sports Hall of Fame is proud to announce the 2003 inductees into the Hall. As a result of voting by the ninety-nine members, the following will become Honoured Members of the Chatham Sports Hall of Fame.

Athlete - Modern - Herb Wakabayashi, hockey
Athlete - Old-Timer - Wilfred "Boomer" Harding, hockey, baseball
Builder - Doug Allin, minor baseball
Team - Branch 431 Legion Bantam Baseball

In addition to these four, two Directors' Inductees will be welcomed as Honoured Members of the Hall. At the regular Board meeting of December 200 1, the directors, recognizing a major shortcoming in the voting process, approved the induction of up to two additional individuals or teams each year. These are selected by the Board from the nominees who have appeared on the ballot but who either participated a long time ago, and hence were not known to the voters, or who participated in a lesser publicized sport. These Directors' Inductees become full Honoured Members of the Hall with standing equal to the those voted in. The Board of Directors is pleased to announce the second pair of Directors' Inductees.

Builder - John McKay, figure skating
Athlete - Old-Timer - Arthur Pelkey, boxer

The Board congratulates all six of these new inductees as well as the other individuals and teams who were nominated, especially those whose names appeared on the ballot. All unsuccessful nominations will remain on file and will automatically be considered for five years. New nominations must be submitted by April 15, 2004 to be eligible for next year's voting. Nomination forms are available at the W. I. S. H. Centre.

The Annual Dinner and Induction Ceremony will take place on Thursday, September 11, 2003. Tickets for the dinner are on sale now at the W. I. S. H. Centre, Branch 628 Legion, or from any of the directors, specifically Jay Teetzel (519-354-2333) or Frank Burgess (519-352-0569). The cost is $30.00 for members and $35.00 for non-members.

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CHATHAM SPORTS HALL OF FAME, C/O WISH CENTRE, 177 KING ST. EAST,CHATHAM, ON N7M 3N1

2003-07-25

Blake Harding,
4 McGeorge Ave.,
Chatham, ON

Dear Blake,

The purpose of this letter is to help you and the Board of Directors prepare for the Annual Dinner and Induction Ceremony on September 11 and to outline for you the procedures for that evening. I have broken this down into areas that need our attention.

1. Pictures for the plaques - I need two photographs for the plaques. One is a head and shoulder, portrait style, picture and the second is an action picture of your dad. The full-length one we used for the newsletter would be ideal as an action one unless you have another one that you would like to use. We would still need the head and shoulder picture. Please look to see what you have and I will be in touch with you in a few days.

2. Write-up for the plaque - The write-up to appear on the plaque will be similar, but in more detail, to the one that appeared in the newsletter. Prior to having it printed I will give you a copy to approve for accuracy and completeness. We do not want to display something that you do not approve of.

3. Order of events for September 11 - The evening will be divided into four distinct sections. A wine and cheese **Inductees' Reception** will begin at 5:45 and will include all inductees, their immediate families, members of the Board of Directors, and special, invited guests. This will also give Greg Hetherington for COGECO and Mark Malone from the Chatham News an opportunity to do their media interviews. A **Social Hour** which includes a cash bar will begin at 6:00 and all attendees will have an opportunity to visit with each other at that time. **Dinner** will be served at 6:45 and the **Induction Ceremony** will begin at 7:45.

4. Tickets - I will be giving you 2 complimentary tickets. Any additional tickets may be purchased at a cost of $30.00 for members of the Hall of Fame and $35.00 for non-members. There is also a reduced cost for children. Tickets may be purchased at the WISH Centre or from any director. If you wish to purchase a block of tickets from me, that will be fine.

5. Guests - You may invite as many guests as you like and we will reserve seats for them. I would need to know the number of guests and their names by Tuesday, September 9 so that appropriate table settings can be designated.

6. Program - I am assuming that you will accept the plaque on behalf of your father and I have enclosed the first draft of the program for the induction to give you an idea of the order of the proceedings. I will talk with you later about more specific details, but you will be expected to make a brief acceptance speech after your dad is inducted as an Honoured Member of the Hall.

7. Video - Part of the presentation on each inductee is a video depicting his/her accomplishments. This is made up of pictures from scrapbooks, trophies, medals, and other such items, which you hopefully have. Mike Murphy will be in touch with you soon to collect these from you, if you have some.

8. Memorabilia - At the dinner we will have displays of scrapbooks and memorabilia for each of the inductees. Again, hopefully you will have such items that we may use. Tom Heath will be in touch with you concerning what would be available. After the dinner we would also encourage you to donate or loan some of the items to the Hall of Fame for our permanent displays at the WISH Centre. Tom will also talk to you about that.

Our goal for the evening is to make the ceremony a memorable event for the inductees. Keeping everyone informed of the plans and proceedings will aid us greatly in accomplishing that goal. If you have any questions at any time, please do not hesitate to call me at 354-2333.

Jay Teetzel, Chairman,
Chatham Sports Hall of Fame

Wilfred "Boomer" Harding (1915-92)

Boomer Harding was an extraordinarily talented, all round athlete who excelled at baseball, hockey, soccer, and softball. Unfortunately, being born in 1915, he participated at a time when Blacks were not readily accepted. He faced prejudice head on and won the respect and friendship of many of his team mates, opponents, and sports fans across Ontario. Many believe that, if the time had been right, Boomer could have competed at a major league level in either baseball or hockey. For 50 years he participated at a very high level in a wide variety of sports and left a legacy of courage, pride, determination, and sportsmanship.

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Honours - In 1988 "Boomer" was awarded an Olympic Gold Achievement Medal in honour of his Fifty-five Years of Sports Achievements. This medal was given in celebration of the 1988 Calgary Olympics and only eighteen Canadians were so honoured.

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2003-08-19

Blake Harding,
4 McGeorge Ave.,
Chatham, ON

Dear Blake,

The purpose of this letter is to keep you and Pat up to date on our planning for the induction ceremony scheduled for September 11.

1. Inductees' Reception - Please note that the reception is set for 5:15 p.m. prior to the regular Social Hour. The reception is for inductees and their special guests and is by invitation only. Enclosed are four invitations, one for each of you and two for other guests. The purpose of the reception is to get you there early so that you can familiarize yourself with the set-up for the evening and so that the media, specifically Greg Hetherington and Mark Malone, can talk with you prior to everyone else arriving. I encourage you to be there on time so that the evening can progress as scheduled.

2. Tickets - I have also enclosed two complimentary tickets for the dinner. Additional tickets may be purchased at the WISH Centre or from me. By Friday, September 5, at the latest, I will need from you a list of names of the people who need reserved seating and some indication who should be seated together. We normally put ten people at each table but we can put twelve rather comfortably. I anticipate that ticket sales will be cut off on Monday, September 8.

3. Acceptance Speech - At the Induction Ceremony, Harold Gillies will be introducing your dad and giving his background information to the audience. When Harold is finished, we will show a brief video of Boomer's accomplishments and when that is done he will say, "I present Boomer Harding for induction into the Chatham Sports Hall of Fame". You will come to the front of the auditorium where I will meet you and present you with the plaque. After Roy Nishizaki takes our picture, I will take the plaque to your table and you will proceed to the podium for the acceptance speech. Based on our past experiences, I encourage you to prepare your speech ahead of time and then stick to that speech so that you do not get sidetracked nor omit anything that you want to say. The speech should be brief, about five minutes seems to be appropriate, since we have six presentations during the evening. After the acceptance speech, you will return to your seat.

If you or Pat have any questions or concerns please contact me at any time (354-2333).

Jay

Jay Teetzel, Chairman,
Chatham Sports Hall of Fame

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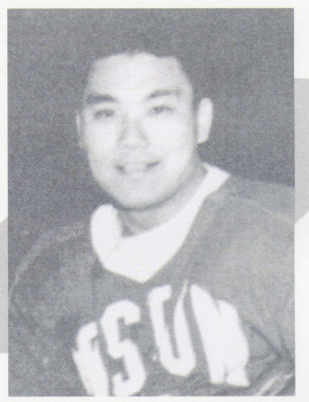

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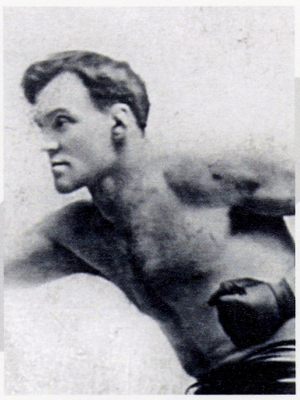

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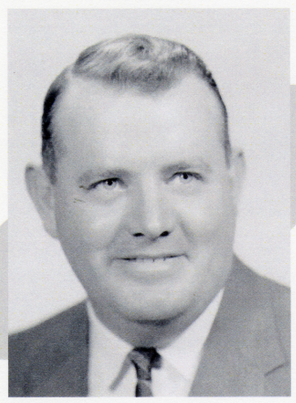

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CHATHAM SPORTS HALL OF FAME
ANNUAL DINNER AND INDUCTION CEREMONY
September 11, 2003

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Opening Reception

Announcements - Master of Ceremonies, Greg Hetherington, CKSY Radio

Grace - Frank Burgess, Director, Hall of Fame

Dinner

PROGRAM

Welcome - Jay Teetzel, Chairman, Hall of Fame Board of Directors

Greetings - Diane Gagner, Mayor, Municipality of Chatham-Kent

Induction of 2003 Honoured Members of Chatham Sports Hall of Fame

Herb Wakabayashi - Athlete - Modern
Speaker - Bill Robinson, Secretary, Hall of Fame
Accepter - to be determined

Wilfred "Boomer" Harding - Athlete - Old-timer
Speaker - Harold Gillies, Director, Hall of Fame
Accepter - Blake Harding, son of "Boomer" Harding

Arthur Pelkey - Athlete - Old-timer
Speaker - Mike Murphy, Director, Hall of Fame
Accepter - to be determined

Doug Allin - Builder
Speaker - Jay Teetzel, Chairman, Hall of Fame
Accepter - Doug Allin

John McKay - Builder
Speaker - Tom Heath, Vice-chairman, Hall of Fame
Accepter - Greg McKay, son of John McKay

1953 Branch 431 Legion Bantam Baseball Team
Speaker - Ed Robbins, Director, Hall of Fame
Accepter - to be determined, player from the team

Closing Remarks - Greg Hetherington

Closing Reception